

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Documents

The County Fire Office Ltd. was an insurance company based in London. The receipt for cover and the premiums paid for insurance on the St. Clements hotel is displayed. The postage stamp also shown illustrates the perfin C F O / Ld, used by the this company on it's postage.

St Clements Hotel



County Fire Office, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE : 50, REGENT STREET, LONDON, W. 1.

Received this 7th March 1934 the

Amount of Premium for the Renewal of the Policy, as undermentioned, to Lady Day, 1935.

4380

FIRE
INSURANCE.

<u>POLICY No.</u>	<u>SUM INSURED.</u>	<u>PREMIUM.</u>
2288650	2500	1 : 17 : 6.

E. R. Godson, Esq. & Anr.

It is important that the sum insured should adequately represent the value of the property at risk.

Rogers Chapman Thomas

Agent(s).

For those of you who do not know when Lady Day is, it is the festival of the annunciation of the Virgin Mary (25th March) one of the four English quarter days.



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Companies, documents and perfins

The main business of J. Travers and Sons was in providing teas and sugars, (not in a café) but in bulk, especially to the provisioning of ships. This invoice to a customer in the Isle of Weight, shows goods provided for their ships, mainly different types of tea. The perfins shown illustrate two variants of the J T S used by the company.



W. J. Marrant
Ryde Isle of Wight

119, CANNON STREET, LONDON, E.C.,

May 13th 1882



Bought of **JOSEPH TRAVERS & SONS.**



ENGLISH CHEQUES TO BE CROSSED "BANK OF ENGLAND;" SCOTCH CHEQUES, "NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND;" IRISH CHEQUES, "ROYAL BANK OF IRELAND."

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO RECEIVE MONEY IN THE COUNTRY ON OUR ACCOUNT WITHOUT A SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION.

INTEREST AT 5 PER CENT. CHARGED FROM THE EXPIRATION OF PROMPT.

REFINERS' BAG SUGARS, CUBES, &c., SOLD AT THE ORIGINAL FILLING-OUT WEIGHTS. OTHER GOODS SOLD AT LANDING OR DELIVERY WEIGHTS, OR BY MEASURE, ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMS OF THE LONDON TRADE.

ALL WARRANTS AND UNDELIVERED GOODS HELD AS SECURITY AGAINST DEBTS OWING. IN THE EVENT OF LOSS BY FIRE, WE HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARKET VALUE OF CUSTOMERS' TEAS, THE WARRANTS FOR WHICH ARE LEFT IN OUR HANDS AFTER PROMPT OR PAYMENT.

To Cash advanced part by our

Half Chest Mouring

414

R. Muncaster 6/11
62 lbs

Half do Sauchany

5042

R. Muncaster 6/11
53 lbs

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A policy receipt for premiums paid to the Alliance Assurance Co. Ltd. (incorporating the Imperial Insurance Co Ltd.) is shown to draw attention to the perfins from the company. The receipt also has the embossed revenue 1d stamp incorporated in it's design. (dated 9-1-09)



No. I 3200

Alliance Assurance Company, Limited,

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED

THE IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

1, BARTHOLOMEW LANE,

LONDON, E.C.

26th August 1909

J. A. Ross Esq & amr

having made a proposal to insure with the Company against loss by fire to the amount of £4500, and having paid premium as under, the property as described in the proposal is held insured, subject to the usual Terms and Conditions of the Company, and a Policy of Insurance will be prepared and delivered at the earliest opportunity.

Balance of *29th Sept 1910* PREMIUM TO £ 3 : 5 : 6

CANCELLING POLICY No. *1660370*

For the Company,

E. D. Dham



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THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY



Every beginners collection has a stamp in it which is perfinned P A C . Used from QV to QE II the Prudential is one of the most prolific users of perfinned postage stamps. Even in the days of franking machines and printed postage impressions, it still perfins stamps today. Shown is a brief example of the Prudential P A C perfin through all the reigns. The top part of a cover shown below is the epitome of the old image of the Prudential Assurance Co. in the "collection man" that went from door to door collecting premiums.



ASK THE MAN



FROM THE
PRUDENTIAL



THE DAIRY FARM
FUN FOR
THE FAMILY



Messrs. Marshalls,
Brokers.

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Insurance documentation

Railway Passengers Assurance Company.
Empowered by Special Act of Parliament 12 and 13 Vict. Cap. 40.
(CAPITAL ONE MILLION.)
Offices N^o 3, Old Broad Street, London.

INSURANCE TICKET.

Sum Assured £1,000 N^o 16891 Premium £1 " 0 " 0

George Schradu Esquire of
34 Lime Street London is

hereby Assured by the Railway Passengers Assurance Company in the sum of £1,000 to be payable to the said *George Schradu* or his legal representatives according to the provisions of the Company's Act of Parliament, and to the conditions hereupon endorsed, in the event of personal injury or death happening to the said *George Schradu* whether arising from accident or negligence on any Railway in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, such Insurance to be in full force and effect from the date hereof until the 17th day of *March* 1852.

Dated *London* the 17th day of *March* in the year of our Lord 1851.

Received £1 " 0 " 0
Wm Smith Cashier.  *Geo Peattie* Secretary.

Wm. J. Aldwin Lucista

As illustrated by the insurance/assurance document and the perforated stamp this item refers to the Railway Passengers Assurance Association. Also the headed policy document is a give-away !! For the sum of £1 George Schradu Esquire insured himself for the sum of £1000 if he suffered death on the railways of Great Britain and Ireland, this in 1852. It is a poignant reminder that accidents still happen on our railways !!!



RPA / Co
R3990.01
The Railway Passengers
Assurance Company

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THE HONK KONG and SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION, LONDON



Perfin catalogue
number H0010.22



Hexagonal late
fee cancel

Hexagonal late
fee cancel



Hexagonal late
fee cancel



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THE HONK KONG and SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION, LONDON



Perfin catalogue
number H0010.22



Hexagonal late
fee cancel

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fee cancel



Hexagonal late
fee cancel



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KING EDWARD VII FULL NAMES



FLOUR
F2510.01
Buchanans
Flour Mills Ltd.



POLY
P3530.01
The Polytechnic
Touring Association



DRUCE
D4250.03
Druce
& Co. Ltd.



E & T / PINK
E4800.01
E & T Pink
Ltd.



MAW
M0260.02
S Maw
& Co.



KEEN
K0660.01
Keen
Robinson & Co.



KIRBY / & Co..
K1040.01
Kirby
& Co.



C & B / SOHO
C0960.03
Crosse &
Blackwell Ltd.

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KING EDWARD VII HIGH VALUES



S B D
S0700.02
Siemens Bros.
Dynamo Works



C V C / Ld
C8170.01
Confectioners Vegetable Colours
and Fruit Essences Co. Ltd.



T C / & S
T1100.03
Thomas Cook
& Son Ltd.



GLYN
G3260.02
Glyn Mills
& Co.



P & O / Co.
P3500.02
Peninsular & Oriental
Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.



J. W / C. Co
J8400.01
J W Campbell
& Co.



H. S. B.
H6440.01
Hong Kong & Shanghai
Banking Corporation



C. I. H / & S
C3730.03
C J Hambro
& Sons

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KING EDWARD VII HIGH VALUES



I & R / M
I2170.02
I & R Morley
Hosiery



P. S / N C
P4380.01a
Pacific Steam
Navigation Co.



D B
D0210.08a
Deutsche
Bank Ltd



S B / S A
S0920.01
The Standard Bank
of South Africa Ltd.



S B / S A
S0920.01
The Standard Bank
of South Africa

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POSTAL UNION CONGRESS LONDON 1929



NA/FI
N0920.02a
Navy, Army &
Air Force Institutes



CH
C3010.08
The Cumberland
Hotel



PLA
P2870.01
Pearl Assurance
Co. Ltd. London



H/L
H4400.01
Hogg Lindley
& Company



JCB
J1310.01
J C Bailey
& Company

KING GEORGE V COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS



P & O / Co.
P3500.01
Peninsular & oriental
Steam Navigation Co.



GE/C
G1540.01
The General
Electric Company



BBK
B0730.03
Barclays
Bank Ltd.

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KING GEORGE V FULL NAMES



FRY
F3580.02
J S Fry
& Sons Ltd.



OYEZ
O2160.03
Solicitors Law
Stationery Society



COX
C5680.02
Cox & Co.
Bankers



PAUL
P0280.01
R & W Paul
Ltd.



GRAPHIC
G4210.01
The Daily
Graphic



S' SEA / CPN
S6600.03
Swansea
Corporation



ADAM
A1650.01
J & J Adam
Ltd.



BIRD
B3960.01
Bolling &
Low Ltd.



LEE
L1830.02a
Identity not
yet known

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Shields and arms

Some cities/towns used a design of a shield or a coat-of-arms to identify their perfin, of which a selection is shown here. These perfin designs omit any alpha or numeric symbols.



Shield/arms
0170.01
Corporation
of London



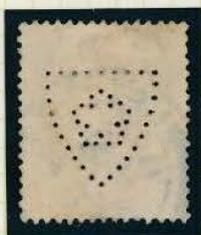
Shield/arms
0110.01
City of
Cambridge



Shield/arms
0160.01
Identity not
yet known



Shield/arms
0210.01
City of
Dublin



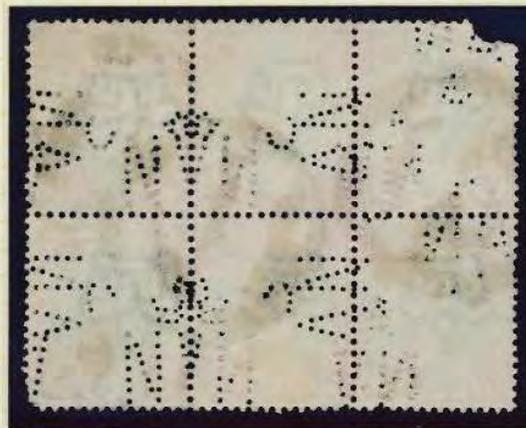
Shield/arms
0140.02
City of
Leicester



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Odds and ends !!

After a company/organisation had deliberated, cogitated and otherwise formed an opinion as to what was to be their identifying perfin to be used on their postage; and placing an order with a company like Slopers to produce the machine which would make the perfin; all this with a considerable amount of time, effort and expense; so that eventually the machine would arrive at the office. Would you believe that after all this the perfin machine was entrusted to the care of the most junior employee, the office boy !!!



This is a brilliant example of a single headed die perfin machine, but as the office boy was idle, he folded up this block of six stamps and “stuffed” it into the perforating machine a couple of times. The result being mirror images, reversed and upside down perfins, and shown here pins from the perforator had been broken off the letter “C”, but, hey who cares !?!



C / A N / S
C0270.01
Army & Navy
Co-op Society Ltd

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NUMBERS



5 3 3
Num0420.01
T Holloway
533 Oxford Street



5 7
Num0430.01
Stern Brothers
57 Gracechurch St.



B & S / 95
B6920.01
Barclay & Son Ltd
95 Farringdon St. London



1 0 6
Num0080.01
Southend on Sea
Borough Council



1 8
Num0130.01
London Borough
Of Sutton



22 / C S C
Num0170.02
Cook Son & Co
22 St. Pauls Churchyard



1 . 2 . 3 .
Num0105.01
Gabbitas
Thring & Co



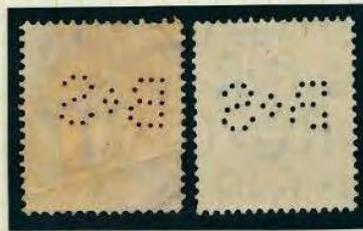
2 2 1
Num0180.01
Identity not
yet known

Kodak transparency 35m.m. slides
Packaging identification



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Odds and ends !!!



B (four dots) S
B6400.01
Borough of
Southwalk



E (four dots) R
E3785.01
Identity not
yet known



S + P
S5750.02
Spiers &
Pond Ltd

Instead of "and"



C H / (cross) / C Co
C3160.01
Identity not
yet known

Fully squared



B Co / Ld
(in lined quadrant)
B1565.01
Identity not
yet known

Upside down "S"



C W / S
C8450.04a
(inverted "S")
Identity not
yet known

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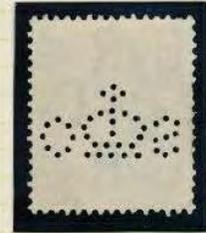
Perfins and "crowns"



"crown"
Des 0410.01
J Russell & Sons
(Crown Tube Works)



"crown" / B T
B9000.01
Board of
Trade



S "crown" O
S5630.01
His/Her Majesty's
Stationery Office

Apart from the Board of trade and the Stationery Office (described elsewhere) which used a "crown" as part of their perfin. Shown here are a few other examples of perfins that incorporated a "crown" in their own identity.



"crown" / S T
S7050.01
The Rt. Hon. The
Earl of Shrewsbury
And Talbot
(Owner of Brereton
Collieries Ltd)



S B / "crown"
S0490.01
Stringer Bros.
(Albion Works)
West Bromwich

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In the beginning

As outlined earlier, protective underprints and overprints were used by firms and organisations to prevent fraudulent use of their postage stamps. Initially illustrated are three values in current use at the time by the company Copestake, Moore, Crampton, and Co. London. (large ampersand)



COPESTAKE,
MOORE,
CRAMPTON, & CO.,
London.



The Post Office permitted this practice, which started in 1867. But, only five firms availed themselves to this offer, where the underprinting was applied before the gum. By 1882, when this practice was terminated by the Post Office, over 40 firms or organisations had taken up underprinting their postage. These latter firms had their identification printed on the postage after the gum had been applied.

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In the beginning

J. & C.
BOYD & CO.
7 FRIDAY ST.

O.U.S.

W. H. SMITH
AND SON,
186, STRAND.

Examples of the five firms that had their underprints applied before the stamps were gummed.

G. E. R.

GOPESTAKE,
MOORE,
CRAMPTON, & Co.,
London.



The three stamps shown here, the O.U.S. and J & C Boyd were of the "official" type, the G.S.S. & Co. the latter "unofficial" underprinting.

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Monograms



C B (joined)
C0490.02m
City of
Birmingham



O E & Co (superimposed)
O0605.01m
Orme Evans
& Co Ltd



H P . (joined)
H5680.01m
Identity not
yet known



H L R (superimposed)
H6195.01m
Identity not
yet known



H H (linked)
H3140.04m
Commercial Union
Assurance Co



B D A (joined)
B1940.01m
The Bradford
Dyers Association



P S (superimposed)
P4145.01m
The Perfin
Society



H H (linked)
H3140.02m
Commercial Union
Assurance Co

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Patterns and designs



Bell design
0020.01
G Bell
& Sons Ltd



Clover design
0080.01
W Marples
& Sons Ltd



Cross design
0270.01
The United
Africa Co Ltd



"humped" line
0655.01
identity not
yet known



Shamrock design
0060.01
identity not
yet known



"X" design
0010.05
identity not
yet known



Diamond (in dots)
0560.01
Manifoldia Ltd &
Debecy mfg. Co Ltd



... (line)
0620.01
Rothmans
Ltd

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Perfins and place names



A C / L D
A1210.01a
Arnott & Co Ltd
Dublin



H M & Co. / B
H4990.01
Hills Manke & Co
Birmingham



D B / N
D0470.01
Daniel Bros Ltd
Norwich

This is a selection of companies that were sufficiently proud enough to be associated with their place of origin/operation, and in so doing included the initial letter of their town/city in their perfin identity.



R S & S / K
R4970.01
R Smith & Sons
Kidderminster



S & B / H
S0750.01
Sykes & Brooke Ltd
Huddersfield



W & S / I
W6910.01
Wrinch & Sons Ltd
Ipswich



S . J / S
S4080.01
Spear & Jackson
Sheffield

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Perfins and place names



AC / LD
A1210.01a
Arnott & Co Ltd
Dublin



H M & Co. /B
H4990.01
Hills Manke & Co
Birmingham



DB / N
D0470.01
Daniel Bros Ltd
Norwich

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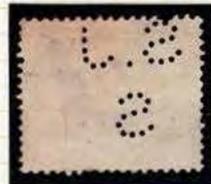
S & B / H
S0750.01
Sykes & Brooke Ltd
Huddersfield



R S & S / K
R4970.01
R Smith & Sons
Kidderminster



W & S / I
W6910.01
Wrinch & Sons Ltd
Ipswich



S. J / S
S4080.01
Spear & Jackson
Sheffield

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QUEEN VICTORIA FULL NAMES



CURRIE
C7980.01
J Currie
& Co. Ltd.



GRAND
G4190.01
Grand Hotel
London



PANTIN
P0230.01
W & C Pantin
Ltd.



COX
C5680.02
Cox & Co.
Bankers



DALE Co
D0140.01
Coalbrookdale
Co. Ltd.



HUTH
H7490.02
F Huth
& Co. Ltd.



HERTZ
H2340.02
M Hertz
& Co. Ltd.



FLOUR
F2510.01
Buchanans
Flour Mills Ltd.



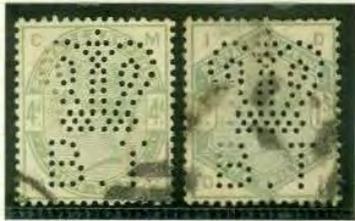
H / LEBUS
H4530.02
Harris
Lebus Ltd.

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Official Government departments

Board of Trade

1884
issues



"crown" / B T
B9000.01
Board
of Trade

1880-81
issues



Shown here are examples
from the early line engraved
issues of QV, through to values
from the reign of KE VII.

Mint KE VII issues
(less 2d and 4d)



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RAILWAYS



LS / WR
5180.06
London & South
Western Railway



LS / WR
L5180.04
London & South
Western Railway



LS / WR
L5180.01
London & South
Western Railway



SER
S2640.01
South Eastern
Railway Co.



GTR
G5150.07
Grand Trunk Railway
Company of Canada



CPR
C6100.02
Canadian Pacific
Railway



C. P / R
C6120.01
Canadian Pacific
Railway



SE / CR
S2430.03
South Eastern &
Chatham Railway



SE / CR
S2430.01
South Eastern &
Chatham Railway



SE / CR
S2430.02
South Eastern &
Chatham Railway

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Shield/arms
0110.01
City of
Cambridge

Shield/arms
0170.01
Corporation
of London



Shield/arms
0160.01
Identity not
yet known



Shield/arms
0210.01
City of
Dublin



Shield/arms
0140.02
City of
Leicester



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0140.02
City of
Leicester



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BANK of NEW ZEALAND, LONDON



London single ring handstamp



Perfin catalogue number B5230.01



Hexagonal late fee cancel



London hooded circle incorporating 3d late fee



triple framed octagon cancel



Lombard Street B.O. squared circle handstamp



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London single
ring handstamp



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circle handstamp



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C & Co / B
C1550.01
Corral & Co
Brighton



N V & T / S
N3520.01
Needham Veall
& Tyzack Ltd
Sheffield



E B / W
E0450.02
English Bros
Wisbech



P H & J / L
P2380.01
Paul Hirsch &
Joseph Junior
Leeds



C B / B
C0530.02
Cadbury Bros Ltd
(Bourneville) Birmingham



T B Ld / R
T0590.01
Turner Bros
Asbestos Co
Rochdale



J M / H X
J5370.01
J Mackintosh & Sons Ltd
Halifax

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PERFINS & PLACE NAMES



A C / L D
A1210.02
Arnott & Co. Ltd.
Dublin



B & Co / M
B1610.01
Baxendale & Co.
Manchester



LB / Ld / PS
L0560.05
Lever Bros. Ltd.
Port Sunlight



U P / O
U1570.02
University Press
Oxford



C & Co. / B
C1550.01
Corrall & Co
Brighton



C. A / G
C0170.01
Central Agency
Glasgow



A & B / Y
A0920.01
Alpin & Barrett
Yeovil



P H & J / L
P2380.01
P Hirsch & J Junior
Leeds



A & O / B
A4350.01
Alldays & Onions
Birmingham

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Perfins and place names



B & L / H
B4390.02
Bailey & Leatham Ltd
Hull



N M C / N
N2090.01
Nottingham Mfg. Co
Nottingham



H & A / N
H0240.01
Haymann & Alexander
Nottingham

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R G / & S / F
R2080.01
R Gaunt & Sons
Farsley (Nr Leeds)



T R R / Ld
T3890.01
T Robinson & Sons Ltd
Rochdale



J (&N) S
J7180.01
Jarrold & Sons Ltd
Norwich

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Perfins and place names

This is a selection of companies that were proud to be associated with Manchester as their place of origin/operations, and included the letter "M" in their perfin identity.



R & S / M
R4870.04
Ryland & Sons Ltd
Manchester



B & J / M
B3890.02
Barlow & Jones Ltd
Manchester



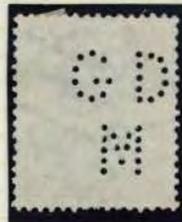
J D W / M
J2270.01
J D Williams & Co Ltd
Manchester



B & Co. / M
B1610.01
Baxendale & Co Ltd
Manchester



A & B / M
A0800.01
Affleck & Brown Ltd
Manchester



G D / M
G1425.01
Giddings & Dackes Ltd
Manchester

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Perfins and place names



SDB / & S / M
S2050.02
S D Bles & Sons
Manchester



J & S / M
J7150.01
Jaffe & Sons
Manchester

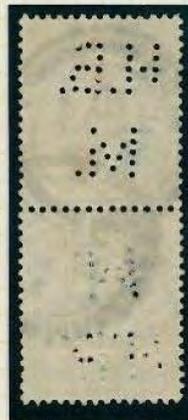


K. M / & Co. / M
K1367.01
Kendal Milne & Co
Manchester

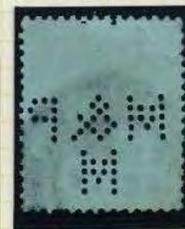
This is a selection of companies that were proud to be associated with Manchester as their place of origin/operations, and included the letter "M" in their perfin identity.



JH / M
J3750.01
J Heywood Ltd
Manchester



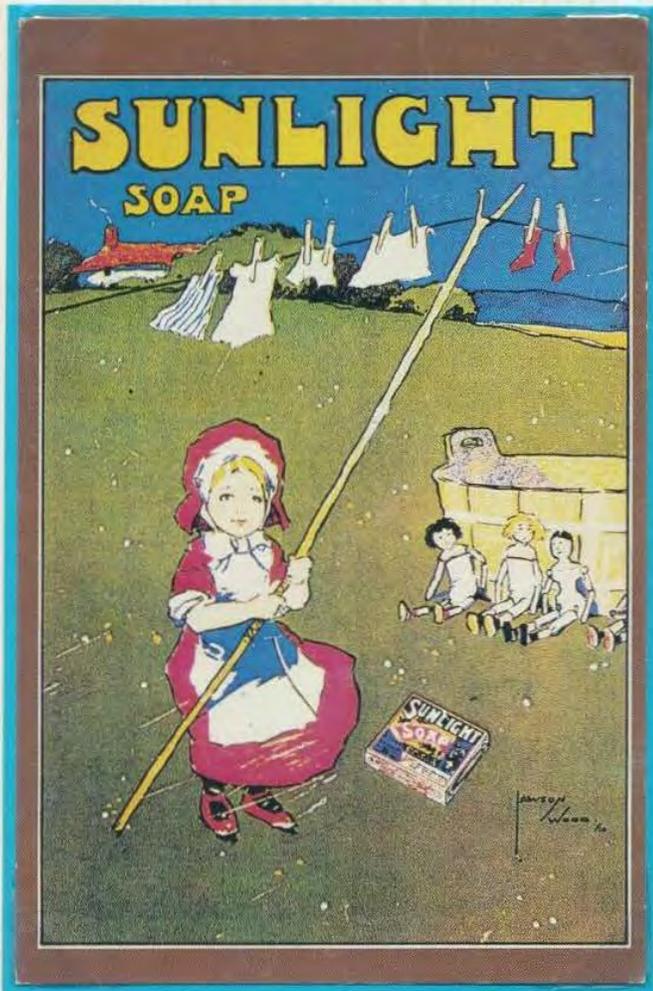
H. B. / M
H0750.01
Hiltermann Bros
Manchester



M & P / M
M4540.01
Mather & Platt
Manchester

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising



LB / L
L0510.05
Lever Bros
Port Sunlight



L B
L0260.02
Lever Bros
Port Sunlight



LB / L / LH
L0580.01
Lever Bros Ltd
Lever House London



LB / Ld / P S
L0560.02
Lever Bros
Port Sunlight

Two original post cards issued by Lever Bros, one to promote their Sunlight soap, the other to show their interest in workers welfare, this with a post card showing homes built for their employees. The perfins shown besides the company name, show their involvement with Port Sunlight, a town the company virtually created.



COTTAGE HOMES, PARK ROAD, PORT SUNLIGHT

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

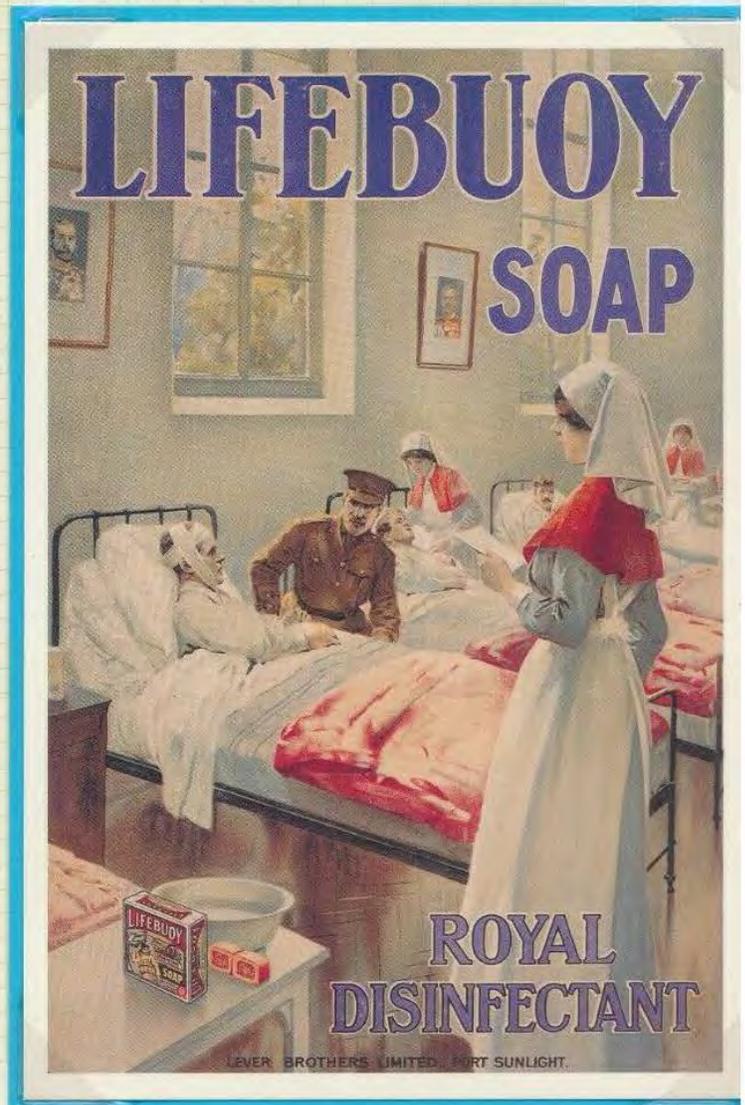
Advertising



LB / Ld / PS
L0560.05
Lever Brothers Ltd
Port Sunlight



LB / Ld / PS
L0560.02
Lever Brothers Ltd
Port Sunlight



Two advertising post cards, unfortunately reproductions, each showing a soap, "Lifebuoy" and "sunlight" both made by Lever Brothers. The sunlight soap card professing that the soap was mild enough for children. The card illustrating lifebuoy extolling the virtues that it contained a disinfectant !! War wounded being tended by nurses in a germ free environment proclaimed that lifebuoy was a "royal disinfectant" !!!

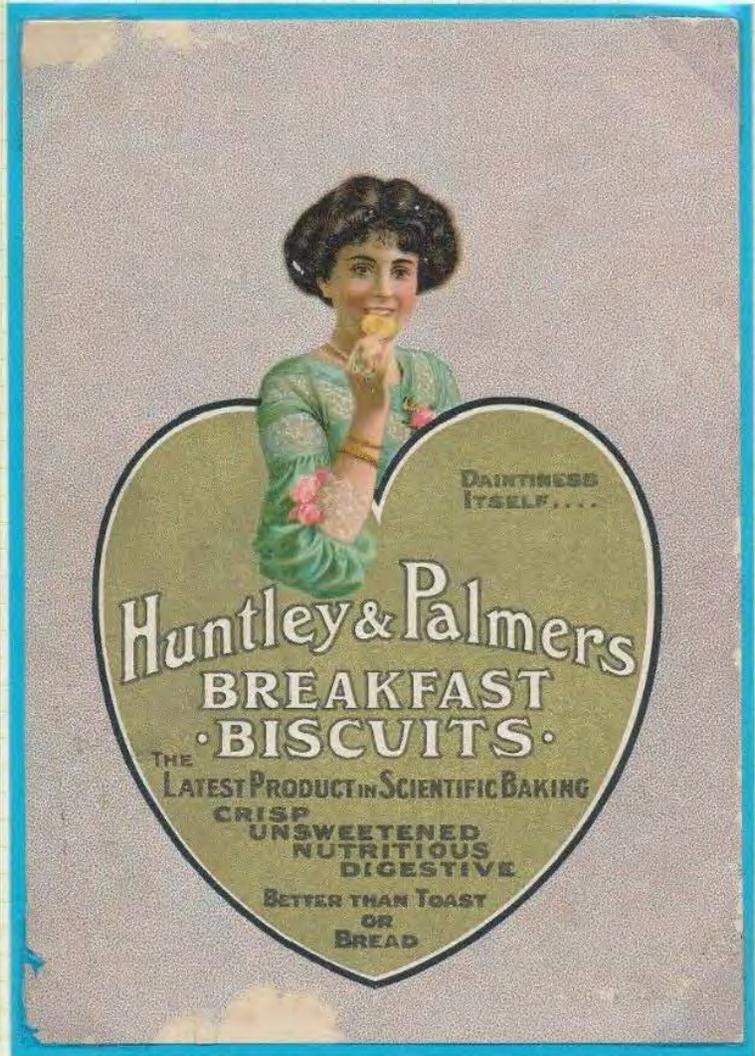
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

An original post card depicting the wares of Huntley and Palmers biscuits, in this case their breakfast biscuits. The company perfin of H & P is shown over the reigns on QV, KE VII and KG V.



H & P
H5690.01
Huntley
& Palmer



H & P
H5690.02
Huntley
& Palmer

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

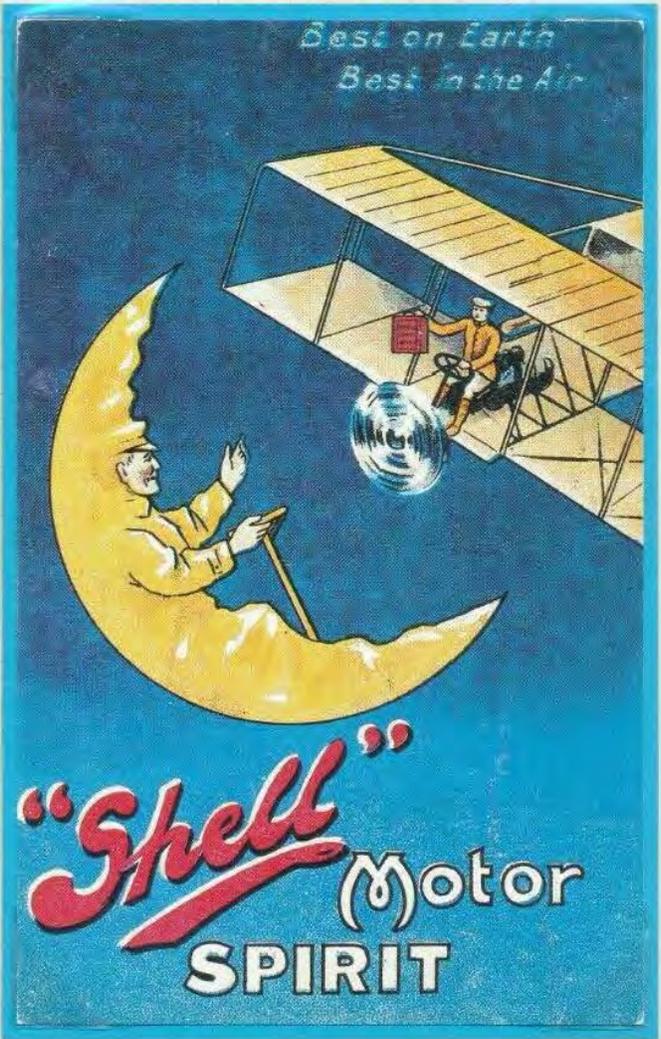


Two post cards intimating the advent of the new aerial age.

Two post cards, unfortunately reproductions showing how the new period of aviation, and of course fuelled by Shell fuel, would eclipse the horse and the steam engine. But even if one could not get into the air, Shell motor spirit would fuel your new motor vehicle !!



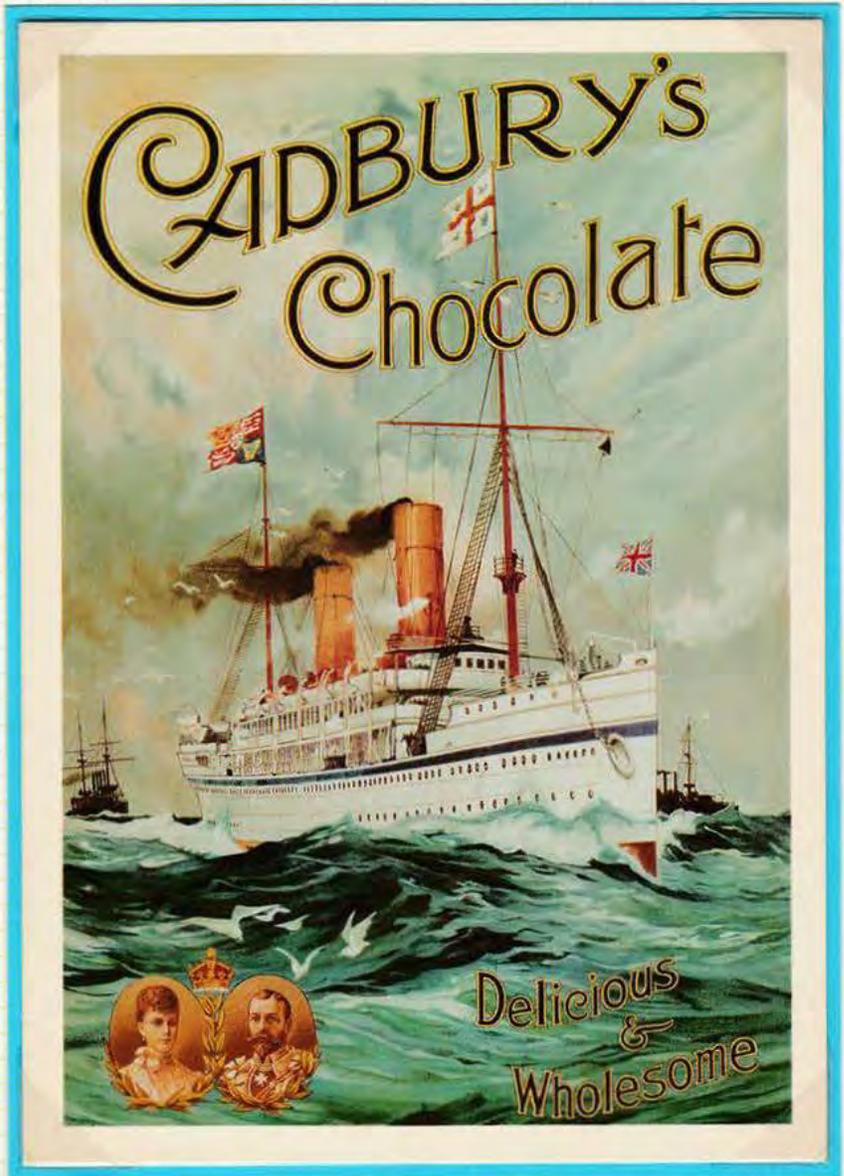
SM/BP
S4810.01
Shell Mex &
British Petroleum



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

A reproduction of a card first published by the Cadbury brothers on the occasion of the visit to Australia by the Duke and Duchess of York (later to become KG V and Queen Mary) to open the commonwealth parliament in 1901. The card, with an inset of the Duke and Duchess, shows the ship "Orphir" an Orient Line ship, on this occasion chartered and repainted white for the royal party to go to Australia.



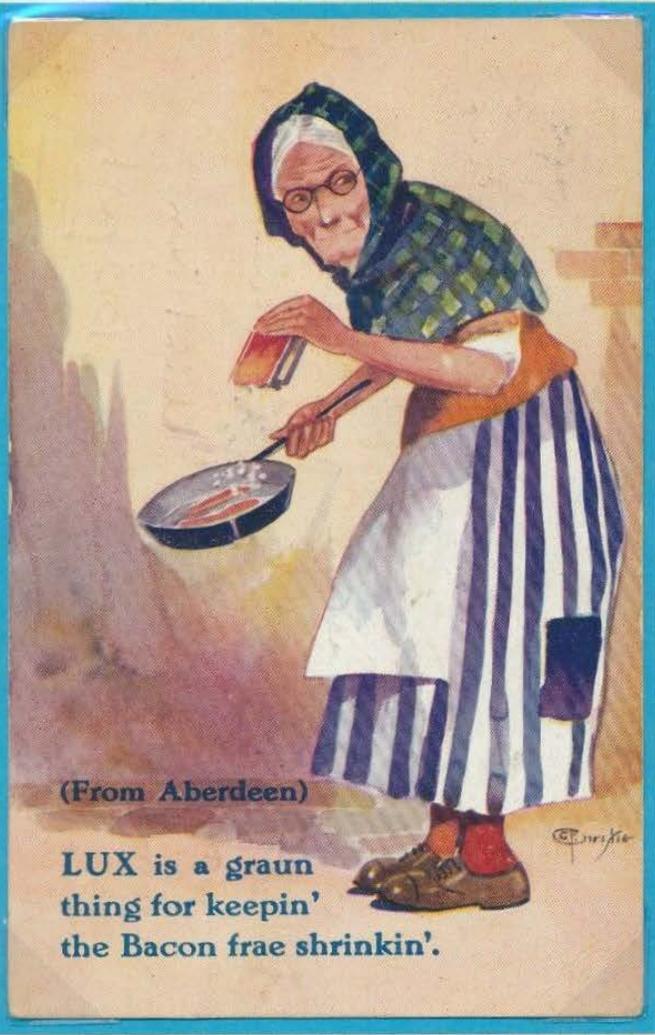
C. B / B
C0530.01
Cadbury Bros Ltd
Birmingham



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

Two post cards, the one with the two children unfortunately a reproduction, the other "real" comic card showing an old lady. Both show the way LUX soap flakes can be used. The product was manufactured by Lever Brothers in their factories at Port Sunlight. The QV stamp shows one of the many different perfins used by the Lever Company.



LB/Ld/PS
L0560.02
Lever Brothers Ltd
Port Sunlight

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE



HAWKER HURRICANES

ROBERT BUHLER

LUBRICATION BY SHELL

A reproduction post card originating from the Shell Mex Petroleum Co. In this instance showing how good their lubricants were, especially when used by the R.A.F. for their war planes, in this case Hawker Hurricanes. The perforin S M / B P answers to the name of Shell Mex & British Petroleum.



S M / B P
S4810.01
Shell Mex &
British Petroleum Ltd

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

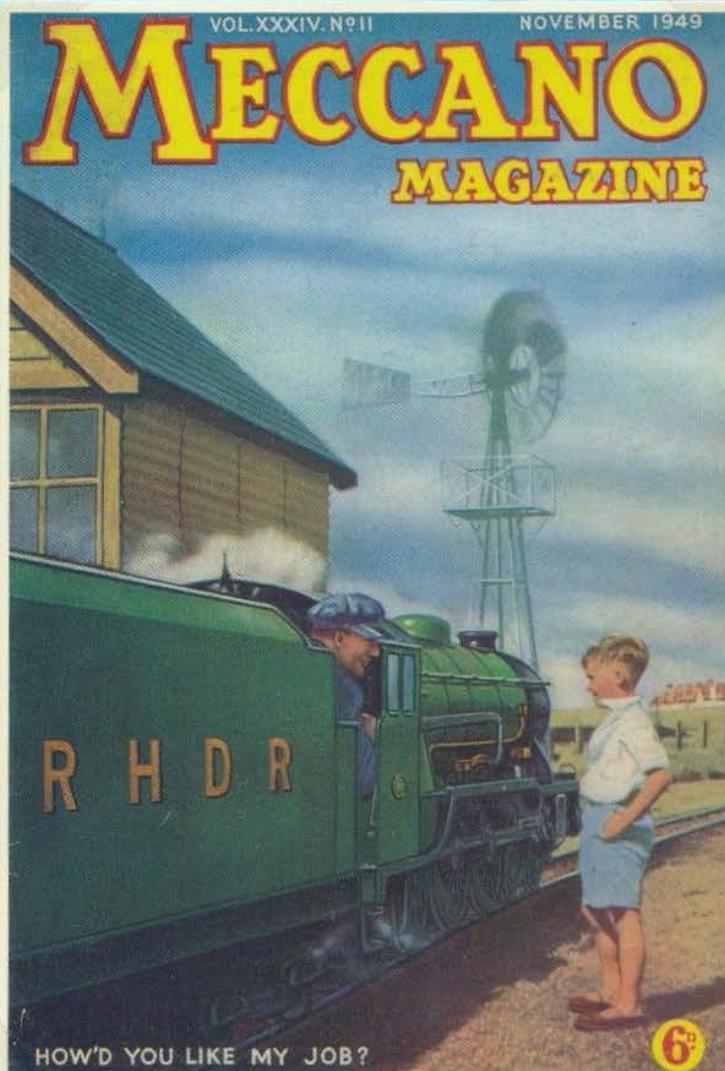
"Tears of nostalgia !!"

Unfortunately, these are two reproduction post cards, advertising the Meccano sets, model vehicles and magazine of the Meccano company, this in the 1930's era. If only one had kept the toys in good condition and with the box !!

The stamp with perfin M L / L is identified to the Meccano company Ltd., and is one of the perfins that incorporate the location of the factory in the design, hence the second "L" standing for Liverpool, the company's head office.



ML / L
M3700.01
Meccano Ltd
Liverpool



4d.

U.K. 1949

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

Initially popularised by Sir Walter Scott, through his novels of "Rob Roy" and "Lady of the Lake" the Trossachs became a tourist attraction. This reproduction post card emphasises the link between the Scott novels and the area. But, the only real way to get there was via the Caledonian Railway. After travelling by rail, passengers were disembarked at Callender, and taken by a "horse drawn wagonette" to view the local beauty spots.



C R
C6240.02b
Caledonian
Railway Co



C R
C6240.02b
Caledonian
Railway Co
(double strike)

CALEDONIAN RAILWAY

TROSSACHS
TOUR

From underneath an aged oak
That slanted from the islet rock,
A damsel gulder of its way
A little skiff shoc to the bay. — Scott

VIA CALLANDER

THE ONLY ROUTE BY WHICH TOURISTS
CAN FOLLOW THE COURSE OF THE CHASE,
AS DESCRIBED IN SCOTT'S LADY OF THE LAKE

GLASGOW

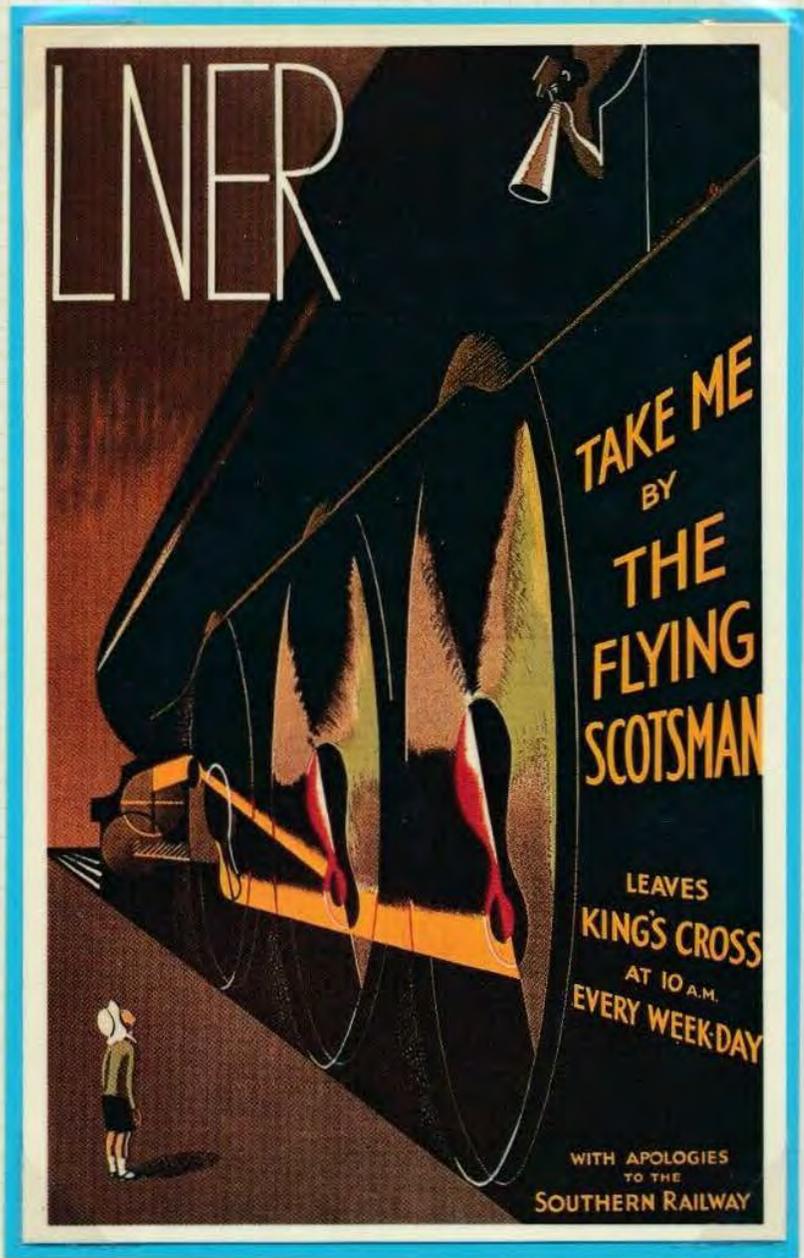
R MILLAR, General Manager.

MACLURE, MACDONALD & CO. GLASGOW.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

Although produced originally by the London and North Eastern Railway, this reproduction card was a satire of one produced by the Southern Railway Co. This picture shows the "flying Scotsman" the weekday nightly service to Edinburgh. The poster shows the exaggerated greatness of the L.N.E.R. in that the engine driver has to use a megaphone to communicate with the boy on the platform !



LN/E
L4140.01
London & North
Eastern Railway Co

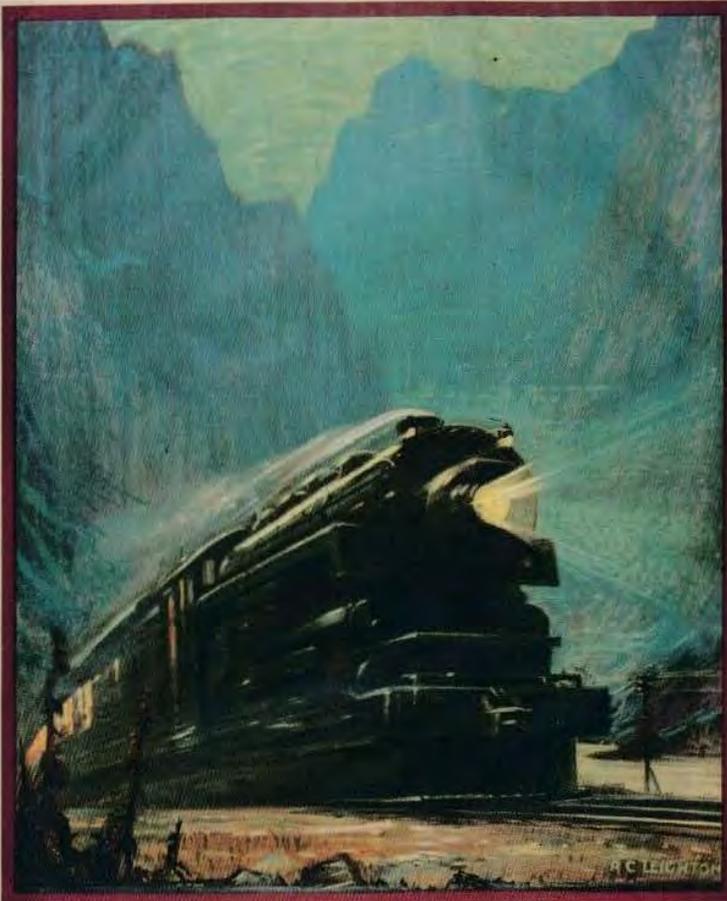


LN/E
L4140.02
London & North
Eastern Railway Co

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

Although showing a Canadian Pacific train speeding across Canada, the card was to promote the availability of ships (owned by Canadian Pacific) to transport one across the North Atlantic to Canada and the U.S.A. The perfins show the "straight" CPR of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and the C.P. / O.S. the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd, the company employed to handle the bookings etc. of their shipping lines.



CANADIAN PACIFIC TO CANADA



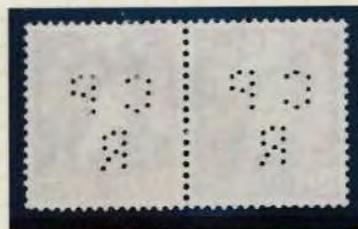
C.P. / O.S.
C6095.01
Canadian Pacific
Ocean Services Ltd



CPR
C6100.02
Canadian Pacific
Railway Co



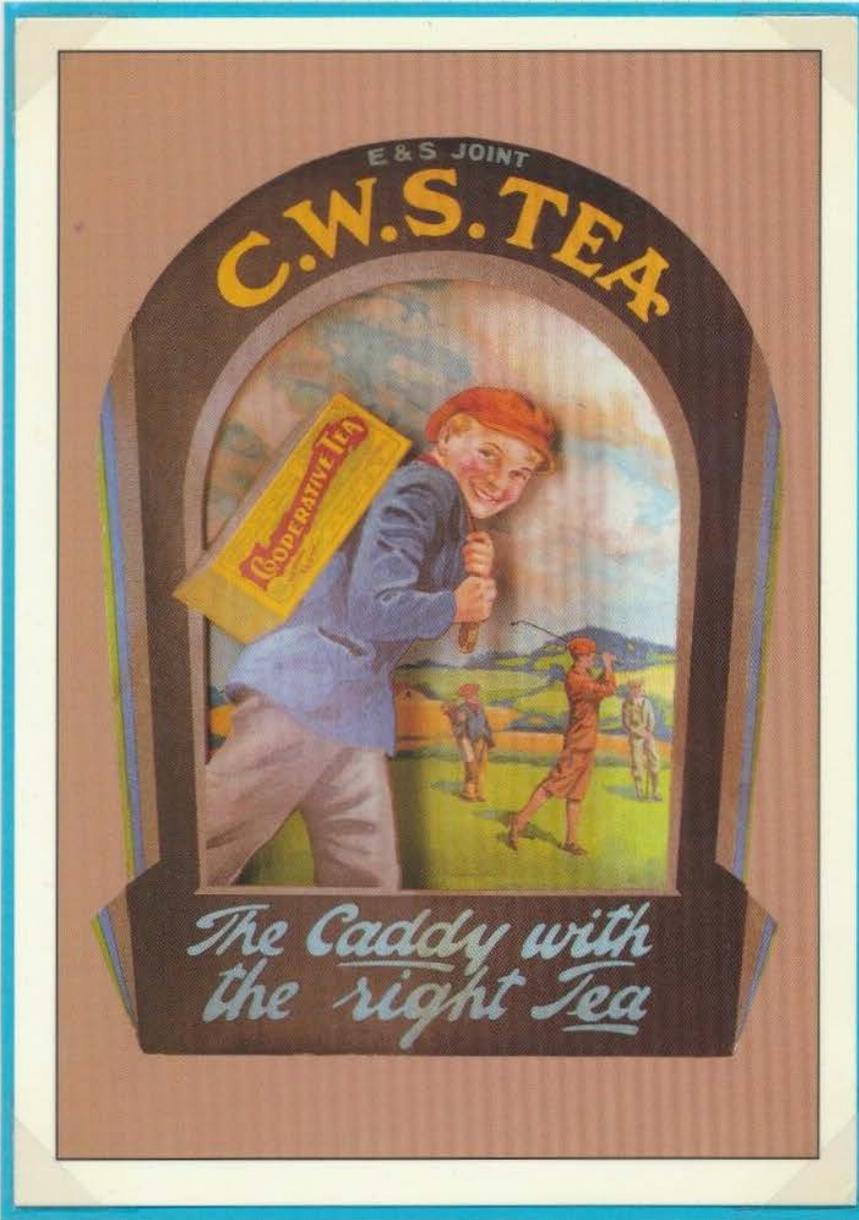
CPR
C6100.03
Canadian Pacific
Railway Co



CP/R
C6110.01
Canadian Pacific
Railway Co

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising



A reproduction post card from the original produced by the Co-op Wholesale Society to promote their tea. This with an aptly annotated picture of the caddy with the right tea !! Also shown are perfins (CWS) used by the Society over different reigns.



C W S
C8510.03
Co-op Wholesale
Society Ltd



C W S
C8510.01
Co-op Wholesale
Society Ltd



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

FOREIGN BANKS TRADING IN G.B.



A E
A1910.01
Anglo Egyptian
Bank Ltd.



H
H0010.22
The Hong Kong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation



C . B . I .
C0780.02
Chartered Bank of
India Australia & China



C . I
C3570.01
Credito
Italiano



A . F / B .
A2250.01
Anglo Foreign
Banking Co. Ltd.



A A / B
A0100.01
Anglo Austrian Colonial
and Overseas Bank Ltd.



S B / S A
S0920.01
Standard Bank of
South Africa Ltd

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

RELIGION



C . M . S
C5050.01
Church Missionary
Society



S S / U
S6850.01
Sunday
School Union



C M S / D
C5090.01
Church Missionary
Society



C Y M / C A
C8780.01
London Central Young
Mens Christian Association



Y M C A
Y0710.01A
Young Mens
Christian Association



Y M / C A
Y0720.01
Young Mens
Christian Association



S . S . U
S6840.01
Sunday
School Union



S P G
S5905.01
Society for the
Propagation of the Gospel



R T S
R5340.01
The Religious
Tract Society

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

TOBACCO



I. T / Co
2530.01
Imperial
Tobacco Co.



I T / C
I2470.01
Imperial Tobacco Co Ltd.
(Great Britain & Northern Ireland)



G LD / B
3160.01
Gallaher Ltd
Belfast



L & B
L0280.02
Lambert & Butler
(Imperial Tobacco)



WILLS
W4370.03
W D & H O Wills
Bristol



W
W0010.15
W D & H O Wills
Bristol



J P / & S
J6230.04
John Player
& Sons



J P / S
J6210.03
John Player
& Sons



WILLS
W4340.01
W D & H O Wills
Bristol



G LD / B
G3160.02
Gallaher Ltd.
Belfast

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

OIL COMPANIES



A A O / Co
A0287.01
Anglo American
Oil Company



A / F / E
A2320.01
Anglo French
Exploration Co. Ltd.



A P / Co
A4560.01
The Asiatic
Petroleum Co. Ltd.

S M / B P
S4810.01
Shell Mex &
British Petroleum Ltd.



A S / P Co
A5180.01
Anglo Saxon
Petroleum Co. Ltd.



V O / Co L
V1330.01
Vacuum Oil
Co. London



B P / Co Ld
B5730.01
British
Petroleum Co. Ltd.



E S S O
E4440.01
The Esso
Petroleum Co. Ltd.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

THE CORNER SHOP



CB/B
C0520.02
Cadbury Brothers
Birmingham



R & Co / LD
R1080.03
Rowntree
& Co. Ltd.



T / Y
T5370.01
Terry's Ltd.
York



LP / TN
L4590.01
Lipton Ltd.
(tea producers)



MAZA
M0280.03
Mazawattee
Tea Co. Ltd.



GP / Co
G3970.02
Grace Products
(Government Tea)



O Z O
O2210.01
Ozokerit
Candles

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Official Government departments

Stationery Office

During the reigns of KG V, KE VIII and KG VI the Stationery Office used a perfin of S "crown" O on their departmental postage. Shown here are used examples from all three reigns.



The "S" gives an illusion of being upside down !

S "crown" O
S5630.01
His/Her Majesty's
Stationery Office



Used examples on piece with mixed reigns. The KE VIII and KG VI are fairly rare !



The perfin die was a treadle operated device made by Messrs. Hurlin & Son.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Official Government departments

Stationery Office



H M / S O
H5200.01
His/Her Majesty's
Stationery Office

During the reign of KG VI the Stationery Office altered its departmental perfin on their stamps from the S "crown" O to just the initials H M / S O (His/Her Majesty's Stationery Office). These continued in use through the reign of QE II, eventually the practice of using perfins ceased approximately in the mid 1980's.



Mint QE II
Values



Shown here are used examples from KG VI and QE II. The multi-headed die even went across the sheet margins !!

The perfin die was a 12 x 1 device made by Slopers. (No. 68939)



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Official Government departments

Department of Scientific
and Industrial Research



D S / I R
D4490.01
Department of
Scientific and
Industrial Research

The perfin of D S / I R was used by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. A government body set up to follow the aims as set out in the perfin. The die was in use approximately from 1925 to 1965.



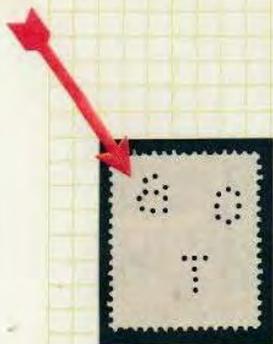
Shown here are used
KG VI and QE II issues
from the department.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Provisionals

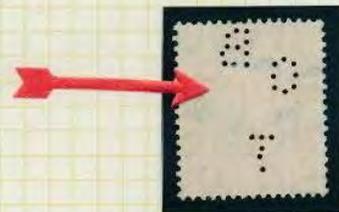
During WW II the Sloper works in London suffered damage due to interference from the inconsiderate Luftwaffe. Norman services could not easily be maintained, so, to keep up a service to their customers, (it is surprising how people and practices carry on "normally" under great adversity) instead of a complete perfin being struck in one "pass" of the machine, each individual letter had to be perfinned separately. The same combination of letters is achieved but the variations in position is immense. Shown here is the die/dies used for the production of the perfinned stamps for the company O'Brien Thomas & Co.



High and
Wide "B"



O B / T
00260.01p
O'Brien Thomas
& Co Ltd
(correct position
of letters)



High "B"
Wide spacing

Five examples of the
variations achieved in
having one letter perfinned
At a time



Low "O"



Low "T"
Wide spacing



High "O"
Wide spacing

To avoid confusion, and each example being allocated a different die number, this in the process of forming a perfin catalogue, the basic design/configuration is suffixed with a letter "p" as shown, this denoting that there are several variations of the same strike.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

SHIPPING COMPANIES



U N / Co
U1420.01
Union Castle Mail
Steamship Co.



U . . C / Co
U0420.02
Union Castle Mail
Steamship Co.



C W / S L D
C8560.01
Cunard White
Star Line



C / S . S . Co
C7260.01
Cunard
Steamship Co Ltd.



E W / L
E5040.01
Ellerman Wilson
Lines



E W
E4960.02
Ellerman Wilson
Lines



R M / L
R3490.01
Royal Mail Lines
Southampton



R M / S P
R3550.03
Royal Mail
Steam Packet Co



R M S
R3520.01
Royal Mail
Steam Packet Co

C S S
C7210.01
Cunard Steamship Co
(formerly Cunard White Star Line)

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

SHIPPING COMPANIES



ED / Co LD
E1090.01
Elder Dempster
& Co Ltd.



ED / Co LD
E1090.02
Elder Dempster
& Co Ltd.



N / Y / K
N3710.01
Nisson Yuse Kaisha
Steamship Co



B S / Co
B6600.02
Bergen Steamship
Co Ltd.



W . J / Co L
W4580.01
"Johnson Line"
W Johnson & Co Ltd.



B S N
B6790.01
Bristol Steam
Navigation Co Ltd.



U S / Co
U1770.01
The United
Steamship Co



MACA / & Co..
M0150.01
MacAndrews Line
Liverpool



B / S S
B6840.02
Booth
Steamship Co

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

SHIPPING COMPANIES



P & O / Co.
P3500.01
Peninsular & Oriental
Steam Navigation Co



P & O / Co.
P3500.02
Peninsular & Oriental
Steam Navigation Co



P & O
P3460.01
Peninsular & Oriental
Steam Navigation Co



L R
L4710.03
Lloyds Register
of Shipping



A & C / N
A1250.01
Aire & Calder
Navigation Office



L S
L4860.01
Limerick
Steamship Co Ltd.



L & H / L
L2910.03
Lampport &
Holt Line



S
S0010.72
Swan Hunter &
Wigham Richardson Ltd.



C. S. C.
C6860.01
The Clyde
Shipping Co Ltd.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

NEWSPAPERS / PUBLISHERS



I / P C
I2032.01
International
Publishing Co.



A N / L
A4230.01
Associated Newspapers
(Daily Sketch & Graphic)



P A
P0060.01
Press
Association Ltd



N M / Co
N2100.01
National Magazine
Company Ltd



W C / & S
W1520.01
The Western
Gazette Co Ltd



P & K / T F
P2830.01
Printing & Kindred
Traders Federation



J B
J0460.01
John Bull
(Odhams Press)



L / C P
L1307.01
London College
of Printing



T . B / C
T0410.01
The Times
Book Club

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

NEWSPAPERS / PUBLISHERS



T T
T4410.02
"The Times"
newspaper



D / M
D3130.01p
"Daily Mirror"
newspaper



GRAPHIC
G4210.02
"Daily Graphic"
newspaper



D M
D3110.02
"Daily Mail"
newspaper



S T D
S7320.01
"The Standard"
newspaper



D H
D2210.02
"Daily Herald"
newspaper



N W
N3560.02
"News of the World"
newspaper



D S / LTD
D4540.01
"Daily Sketch"
newspaper



D T
D4710.06
Daily Telegraph
Ltd

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

KING EDWARD VII FULL NAMES



BLISS
B4420.04
Bliss
& Co. Ltd.



PAU / LUS
P0285.01
Identity not
yet known



GRAPHIC
G4210.01
The Daily
Graphic



HORSELL/ LEEDS
H5550.01
F Horsell &
Co. Ltd. Leeds



GOTTSCHALKS
G3850.01
Identity not
yet known



SUTTON/&/SONS
S7890.01
Sutton & Sons
Seedsman Reading



WHEN
W3590.01
R When
& Sons Ltd.



WADE
W0130.01
R Wade
& Sons Ltd.



BIRD
B3690.01
Bolling & Lowe
(overseas) Ltd.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

INSURANCE COMPANIES



U A S
U0130.01
Union Assurance
Society



G A / Co
G0090.01
Guardian
Assurance Co. Ltd.



J B
J0460.03b
John Bull
Insurance



N U L
N3380.03
Norwich Union Life
Insurance Society Ltd.



C I Co
C3620.01
Caledonian
Insurance Co.



G A / Co
G0090.02
Guardian
Assurance Co. Ltd.



N U
N3310.03
Norwich Union Life
Insurance Society Ltd.



N U L
N3380.02
Norwich Union
Life Insurance Society



N U L
N3380.04
Norwich Union
Life Insurance Society

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A simple post card sent from London to Nairobi in 1905. The sender, the Army and navy Co-operative Society Ltd., giving information about a parcel to be sent out to the Rev. Fallon in British East Africa. The KE VII postal stationery card has been up-rated by the additional postage, which is perfined C / A N / S and is identified to the sender. The London machine cancel had obliterated the additional postage but had missed the postal stationery printed postage, so with their usual efficiency the London Post Office had used a London squared circle hand stamp to do the business. The front of the post card also carries a Mombassa arrival mark, this where the card was brought into British east Africa by sea, on it's way to Nairobi.

EXPORT DEPARTMENT.

London, 2 - 12 - 1905

Invoice Ticket No. 63339 Reference 149/762

Name Rev. W. M. Fallon

Bought of the
Army & Navy Co-operative Society, Ltd.,
105, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.

Quantity.	GOODS.	Rate.	£	s.	d.
1	Unicode			1	10 ⁸
	Postage				1
Despatched in <u>one</u> Parcels.			£	1	11 ¹ / ₂
To <u>Dover.</u>					
Date <u>2-12-1905</u> per <u>Fallon</u> post. <u>£</u> s. <u>2</u>					

Reverse of post card

Army & Navy Co-operative Society,
LIMITED,
105, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE DEPARTMENT.

BRITISH AND CONTINENTAL RAILWAY
TICKETS

DATED IN ADVANCE. ISSUED OVER ALL SYSTEMS.

OCEAN PASSAGES BOOKED FREE OF COMMISSION.

FOREIGN MONEY EXCHANGED.

MARINE INSURANCE EFFECTED.

PASSENGERS MET AND BAGGAGE CLEARED.

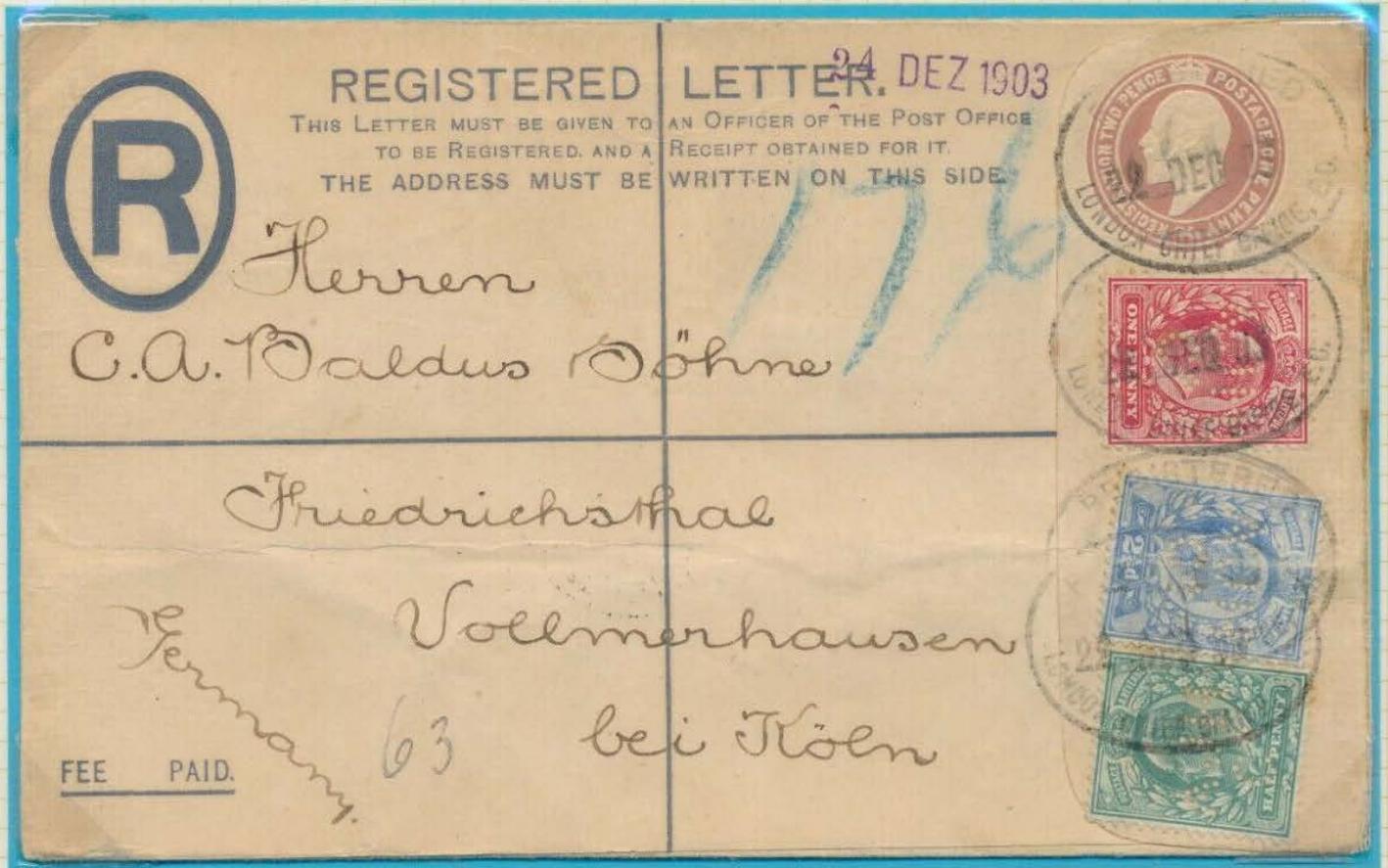
POST




Rev. W. M. Fallon.
Bishopscourt.
Nairobi.
B.E. Africa.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



KE VII registered letter from London to Vollmerhausen near Cologne in Germany, arriving there on Christmas Eve in 1903. The letter has additional stamps added for its journey to the Continent, which are perfined A J H / Co, as yet not identified to the user.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

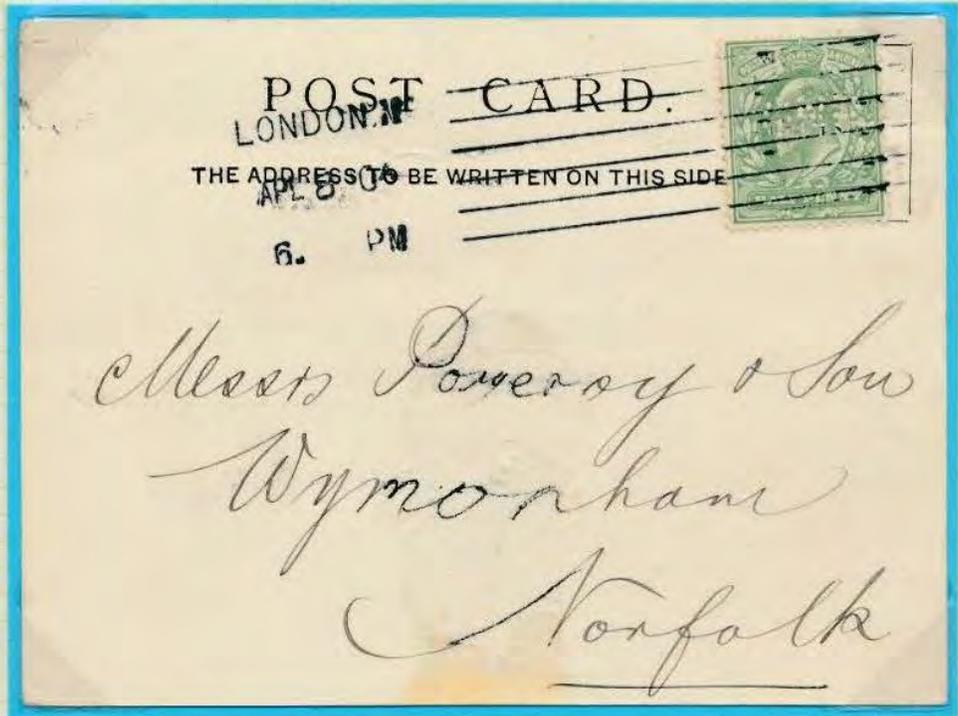
Foreign mail

A letter cancelled by a London Foreign Section machine cancel to send it on it's way to Berlin, in January 1908. The KE VII postage of two and a half pence is perfined L M / & Co. and as stated on the corner of the envelope belongs to L Messel and Co. The contact between these two companies must have been fairly frequent, as the envelopes are pre-printed ready for use.



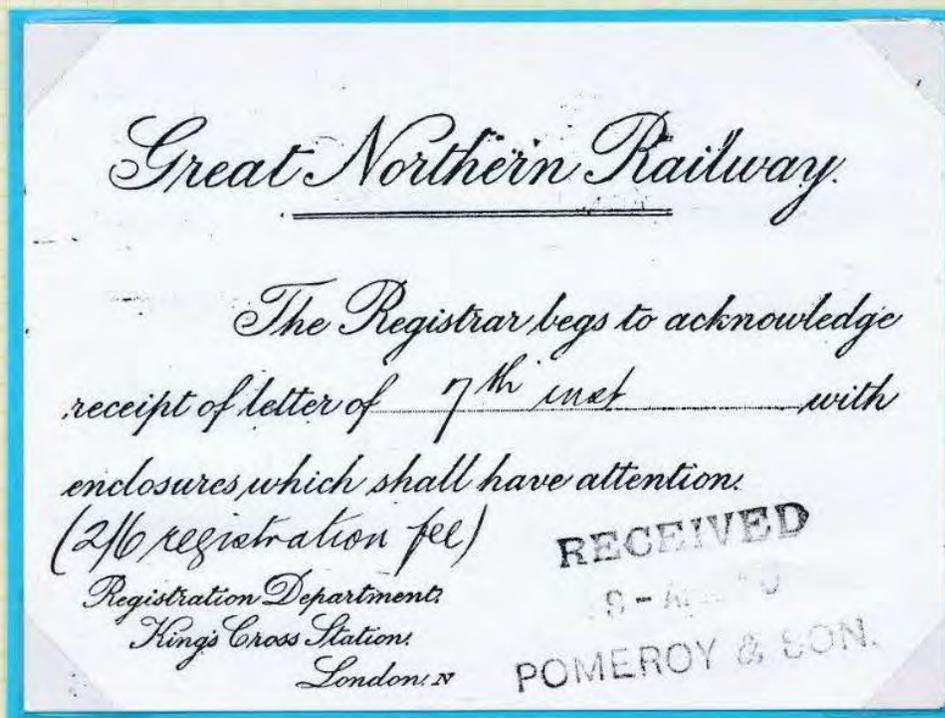
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A KE VII period card sent in April 1906 to Pomeroy & Son who were solicitors in Norfolk. The postage is perfined G N R and if one turns the post card over the sender is identified as the Great Northern Railway Co. who were acknowledging the receipt of a registration fee from the solicitors.

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Contents of letter

TAYLORS,
FORMERLY
F. & H. TAYLOR,
SOLICITORS.
NAT. TEL. No. 9.
TELEGRAMS:- "TAYLORS, BAKEWELL."
FRANCIS J. TAYLOR.
H. BROOKE TAYLOR.
H. C. BROOKE TAYLOR.

BAKEWELL,

DERBYSHIRE.

19 Dec 1911

Dear Madam,

Your Mortgage to J.A.Taylor & others

We have insured this property against fire for £200,
the premium for which is 3/3 which please remit to us.

Yours faithfully,

Jay Lovz

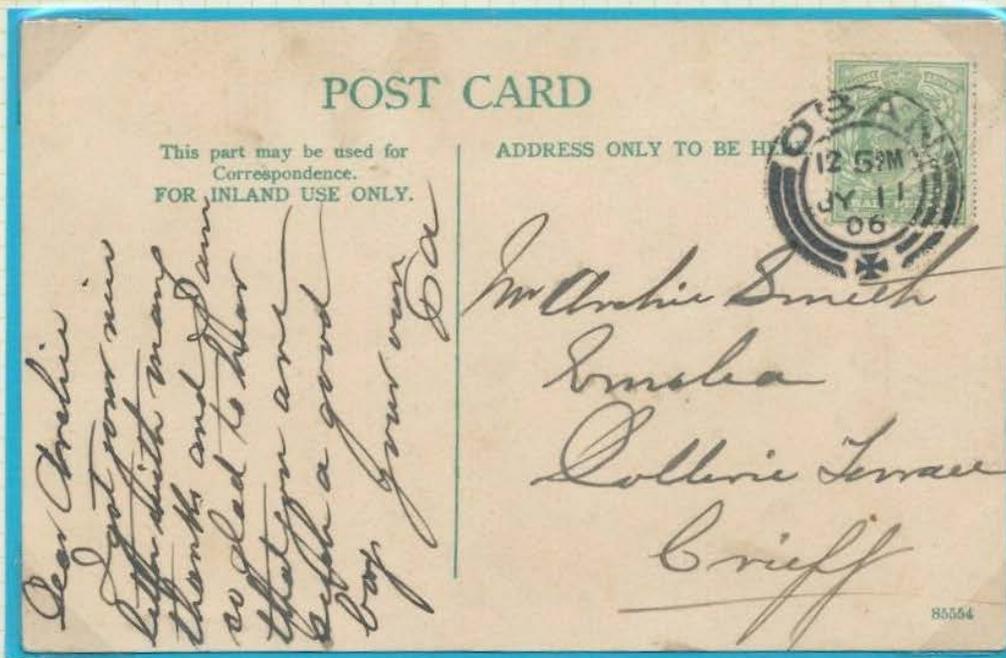
An ordinary letter with the KE VII postage being perfined with a simple letter T, which identifies the sender as the firm of solicitors known as Taylors. The postmark being a Bakewell double ring hand stamp.

*Miss M. K. Smith
Barnfield
Hulme Hall Road
Cheadle Hulme
Stockport*



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



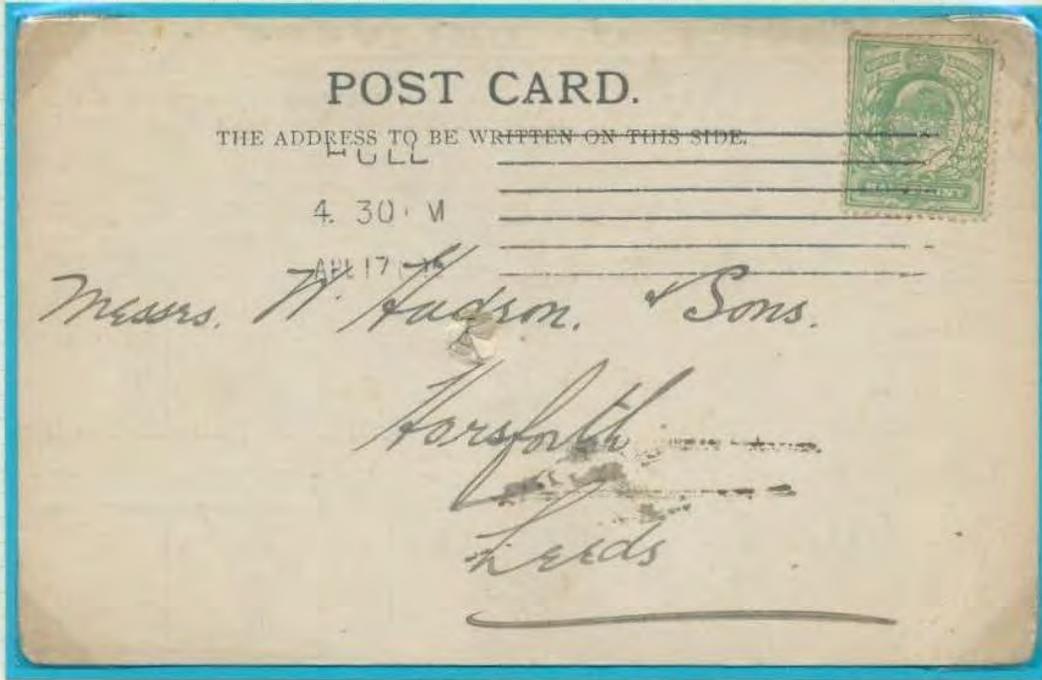
A picture post card from Oban to Crieff in Scotland, July 1906. This in reply to a letter from son to father. The KE VII postage being perfined J. W / C Co and identified to a J and W Campbell & Co of Glasgow and Leeds. Again misused for family messages !!

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A business post card from the British Oil and Cake Mills Ltd. in Hull to a client living near Leeds. I assume the client wanted a delivery of animal feed. The KE VII postage is perforated BROIL and although not exactly a full name perforin it is classed as one. Again quite collectable on cover.

Reverse of post card

10000-A-393

ADVICE OF DELIVERY.

From
 THE BRITISH OIL & CAKE MILLS, Ltd., HULL.

APR 17 1909

Per	Station	LINSEED CAKE		COTTON CAKE	
		Tons	Numbers	Tons	Numbers
W. Hudson	Horsforth			2.455	
				300.608	
		FEED CAKES		SUNDRIES	
		Tons	Bags		

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A post card, cancelled in Portsmouth, originally printed for use by the London and South Western Railway company, informing Messrs Foster that coal was ready for collection at Stratton station. The card used in December 1902 carries a KE VII halfpenny postage stamp perfined L B / S C, and identifies the user as the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Co.

Reverse of post card

(486x)

London & South Western Railway.

Stratton Station. Pro. No. _____

10/12/02 Inv. No. _____

Truck No. 5702/129

The undermentioned Goods have arrived here to your order, and remain at your risk, until removed. If not taken away before closing time on the 10/12/02 ~~at the~~ siding rent at 6d. per Truck per day, and 1/- per Truck cover per day,† and a reasonable charge for unloading and other services, when performed by the Company, and not included in the freight, will be incurred. These charges must be paid before the Goods are taken away.

From _____ Station. _____ Sender

Description of Goods Coal

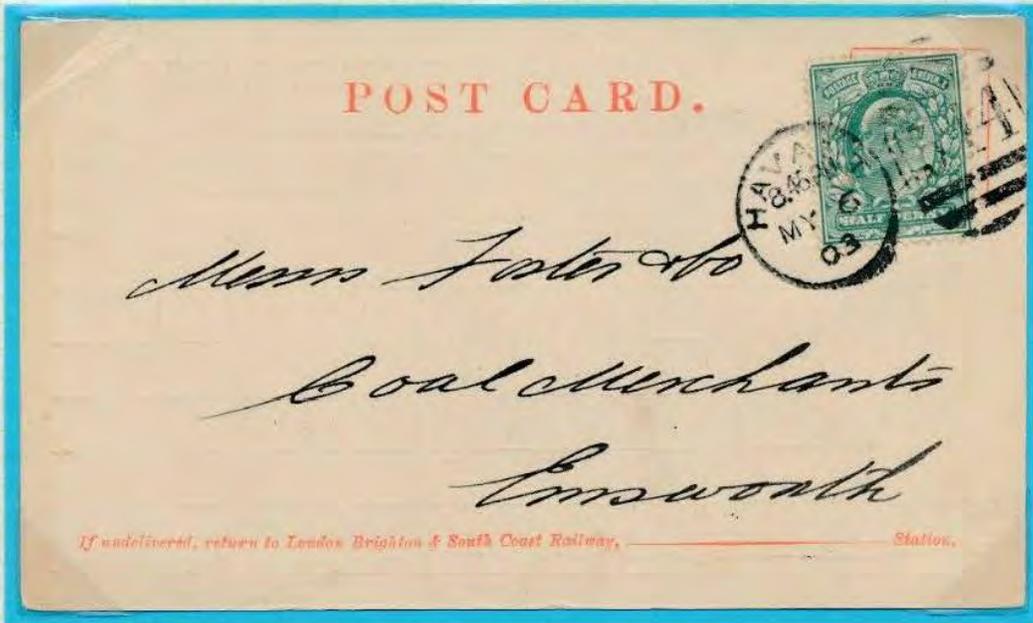
T.	Weight.		Rate.	Paid on, &c.			Total to Pay.		
	C.	qrs. lbs.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.

This Card should be presented when application is made for the Goods.
† The Station Clerk should strike out the unnecessary words.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



The London Brighton and South Coast Railway writing to inform Messrs Foster & Co, coalmerchants, that there were supplies of coal waiting for them to pick up at Havant station. The KE VII postage, cancelled by a later use duplex, is perfinned L B / S C and is not too difficult to identify the user as the London Brighton and South Coast Railway.

Reverse of post card

(831a)

LONDON BRIGHTON & SOUTH COAST RAILWAY.

Havant STATION *May 6* 190*3*

The undermentioned goods have arrived here consigned to you, and remain entirely at Owner's risk. Will you please cause removal on or before *11*, after which late demurrage at Three Shillings per truck per day or part of a day will be charged.

FROM.	Goods.	WEIGHT.				To Pay.		
		T.	C.	Qr.	LB.	£	s.	d.
<i>Colley</i>	<i>coals</i>							

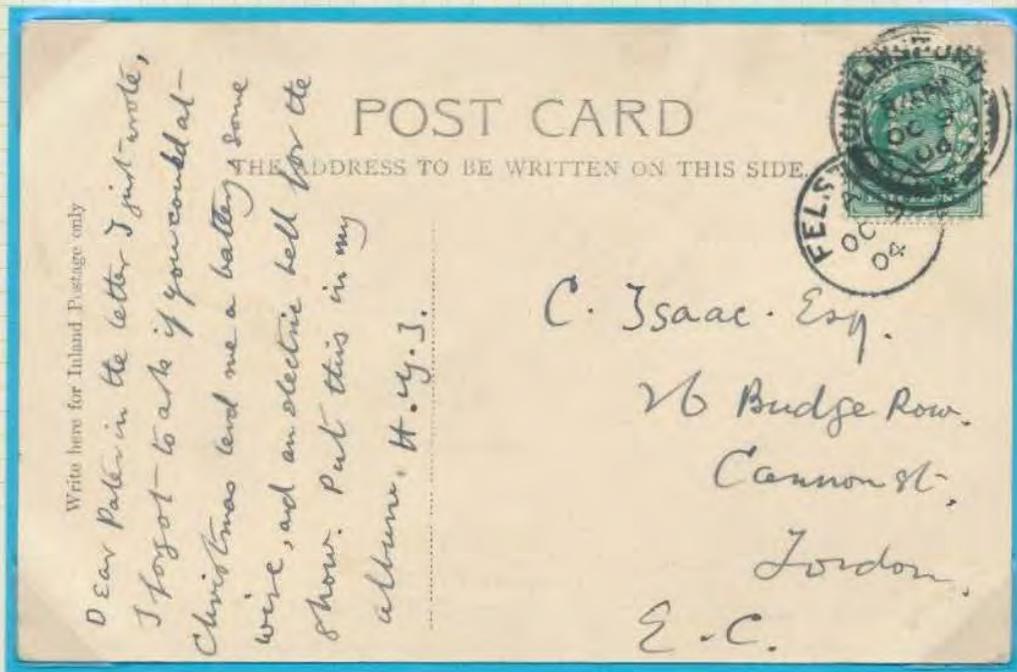
Truck Nos. *132394 & 92*

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Internal mail

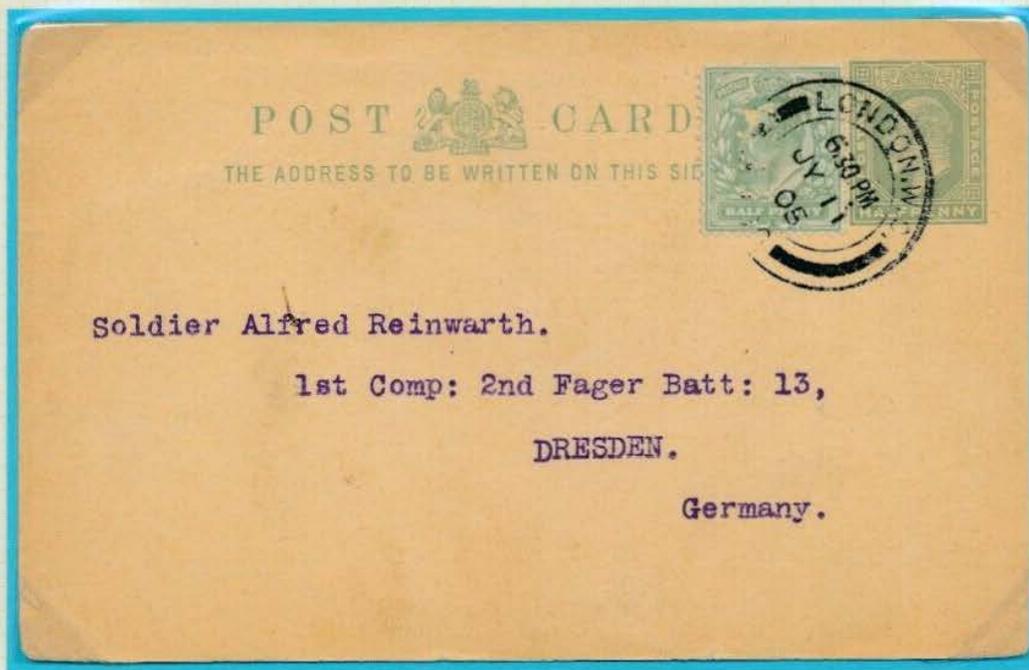


The card below is from a student at Felsted school writing home to his “mater” and “pater” !, and he collects the post cards he sends home. The postage is perfinned F S and identifies to the school along with the village of Felsted cancel. The card above is a picture of the school, one of the “private” schools that England is famous for. Just as a matter of interest on the card below the address is to Budge Row in London, the street where Sloper at one time had his premises !!!



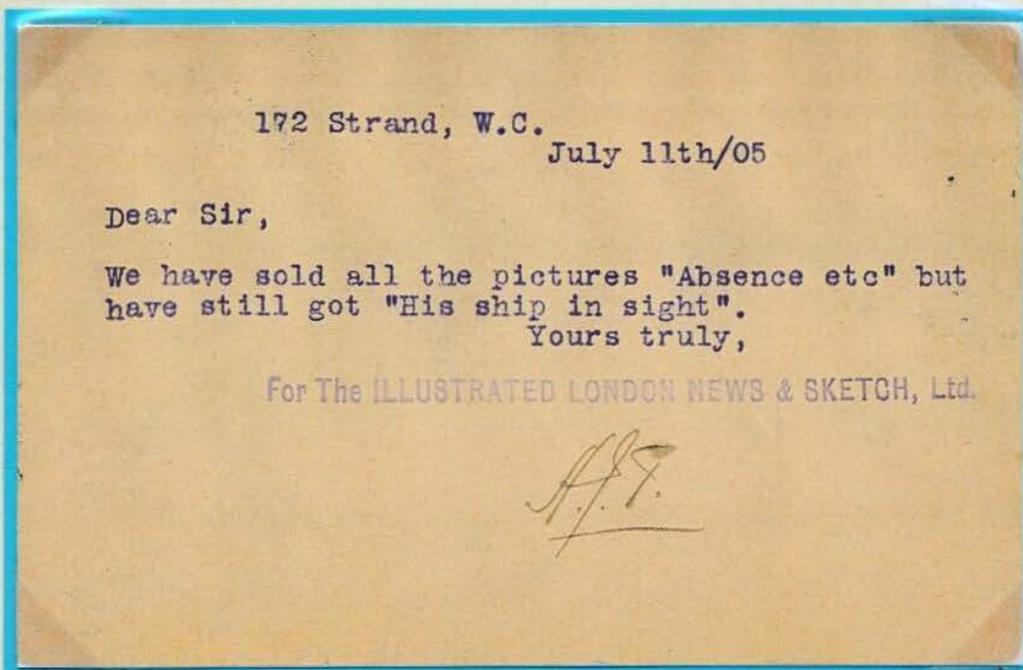
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



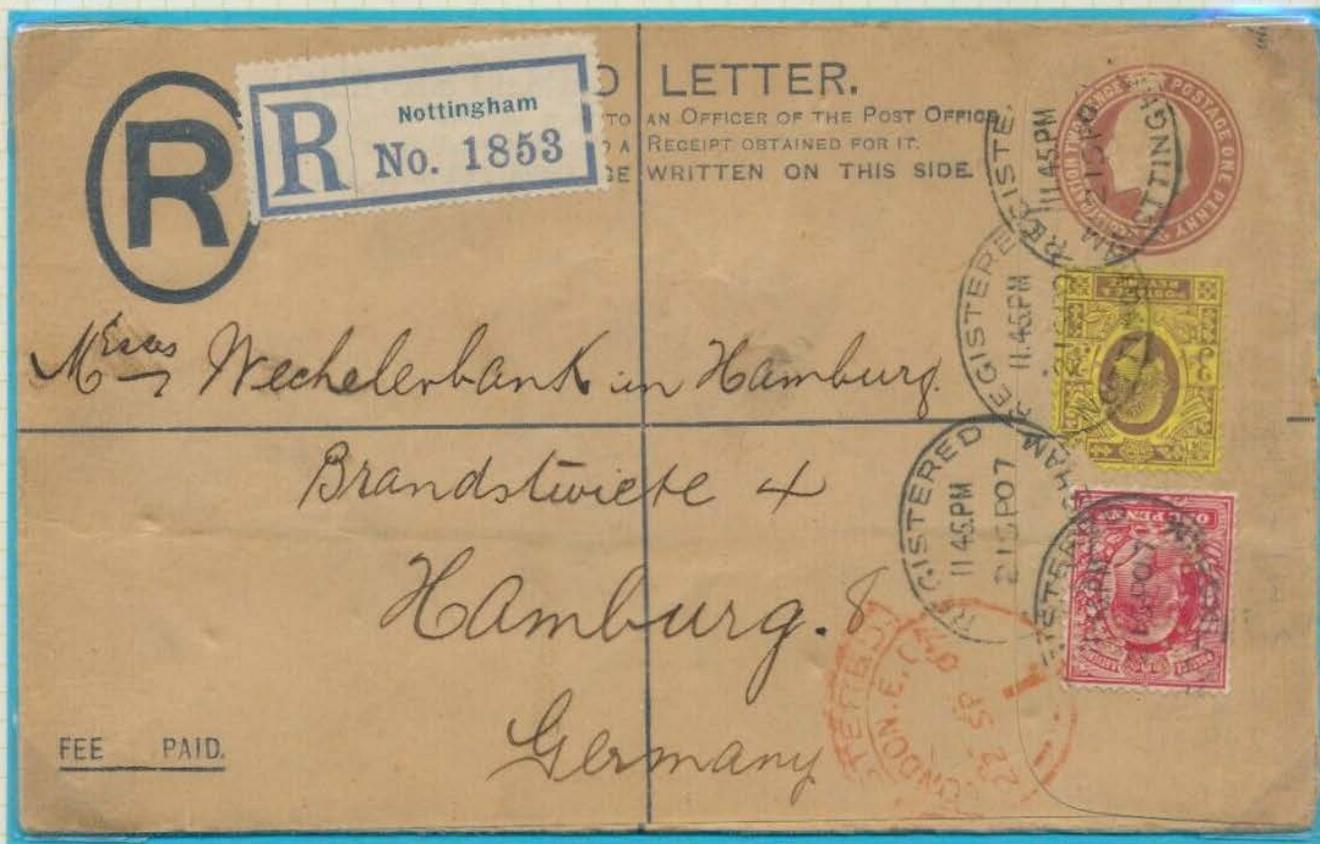
A post card sent by the Illustrated London News & Sketch in July 1905 to a soldier, I assume, serving with a German military unit based in Dresden. The KE VII postal stationery card has been updated with the additional halfpenny stamp, which is perforated with the letters I L N which ties in to the user. The card mentions the sale of pictures, I assume of the photographic kind.

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

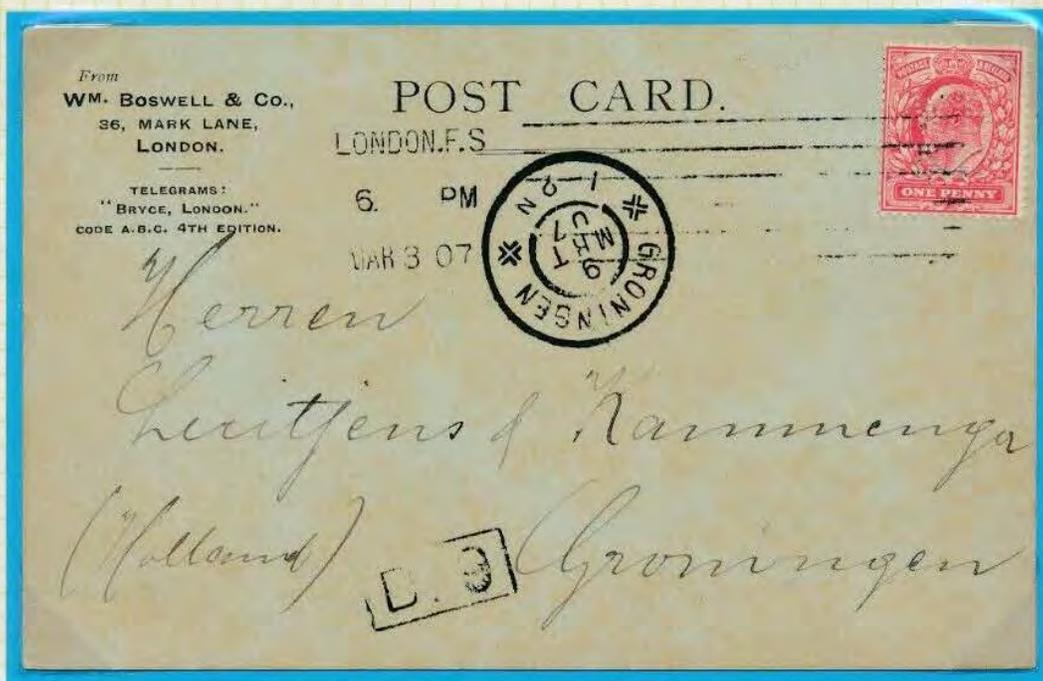
Foreign mail



A KE VII period letter, registered in Nottingham and sent via London to Hamburg in Germany. Initially registered in Nottingham on the 21st September 1907, through London on the 22nd, arriving in Hamburg on the 23rd !! The sender, Simon May and Co Ltd who were lace manufacturers of Weekday Cross in Nottingham, is further identified by the postage being perfinned S. M. / & C. N. (Simon May & Co Nottingham) a place name included within the perfin. The inland use registered envelope was uprated by the addition of a further 4d to send it overseas.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



Two KE VII period post cards, both in need of some expert cleaning !! and both cards being sent to Luitjens & Kammenga in Groningen in Holland. The one above sent in 1907 with the postage perfined W B / & Co and identified for use by Wm. Boswell & Co (on front of card !!) The one below sent in 1913 with the postage perfined K H / & Co and identifies the user as Kuhner, Henderson & Co. Both companies being interested in orders for phosphates !!



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



As the machine straight line cancel does not give a date, this KE VII period letter, I assume, must have travelled on its way from London to Lyons during this king's reign. The postage is perfined Mc K / & Co and as the envelope states this identifies the sender as W McKenzie and Co. of London.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



Everyone associates Ilford Ltd with photography or photographic equipment, incidentally the company name came from their base at Ilford. This business post card informing a Dutch customer of a credit to their account. The KE VII postage id perfinned I L and is glaringly obvious that it identifies to Ilford Ltd. Ilford nr. London.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

Commercial postcard to Holland from B W Blydenstein & Co. of London, acknowledging receipt of payment, and passing on this to another customer. The postage, KE VII 1d cancelled by a London double ring handstamp, is perfined B W B / & Co of B W Blydenstein & Co.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

In case of non-delivery, to be returned to MACMILLAN & CO, Ltd.

From MACMILLAN & Co., LTD.,

ST. MARTIN'S STREET,
LONDON,



Dr E. Schnapper
c/o Mr. G. F. Fleischer
Bookseller Leipzig

A printed paper wrapper for the rate of one half penny up-rated by the addition of a further one penny to send it and its contents to Leipzig in Germany, this in April 1903. The extra postage is perfined M / M and ties in nicely with the senders details on the front of the wrapper. In this case belonging to Macmillan & Co Ltd of London.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



KE VII 1d postal stationery letter uprated with a further one and a half pence for the rate to send this letter to Denmark in December 1905. Messrs E Lazenby and Son Ltd of Trinity Street London conducting business with Mr Koeford in Copenhagen. The additional postage is perforated 'E. L / & S' and is identified to the sender of the letter. The postage is cancelled by a London single ring machine cancel.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A newspaper wrapper of the KE VII period, privately printed for use by W H Smith and Son the newsagents. The 1d rate is uprated by the addition of a further halfpenny to carry the printed matter on it's way to France. The cancellation of the postage is done by a undated Foreign Branch circular handstamp. The halfpenny stamp is perfinned W H S and as is obvious, attributed to W H Smith and Son.

R. Southey, Esq.
23, rue Felix Faure
LE HAVRE, FRANCE

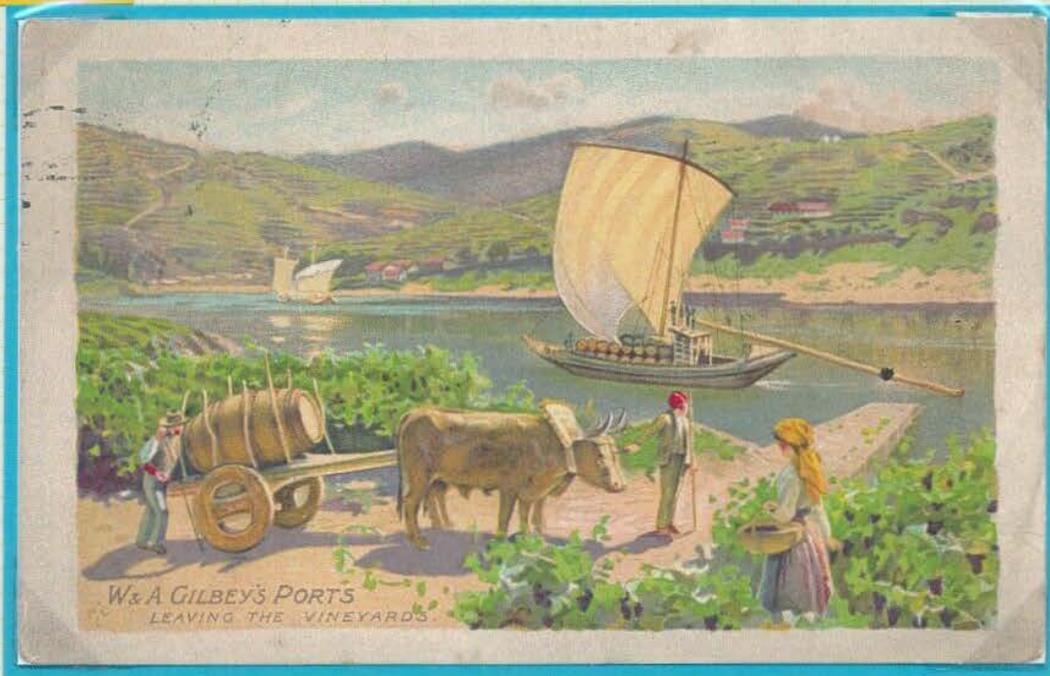


IN CASE OF NON-DELIVERY TO BE RETURNED TO



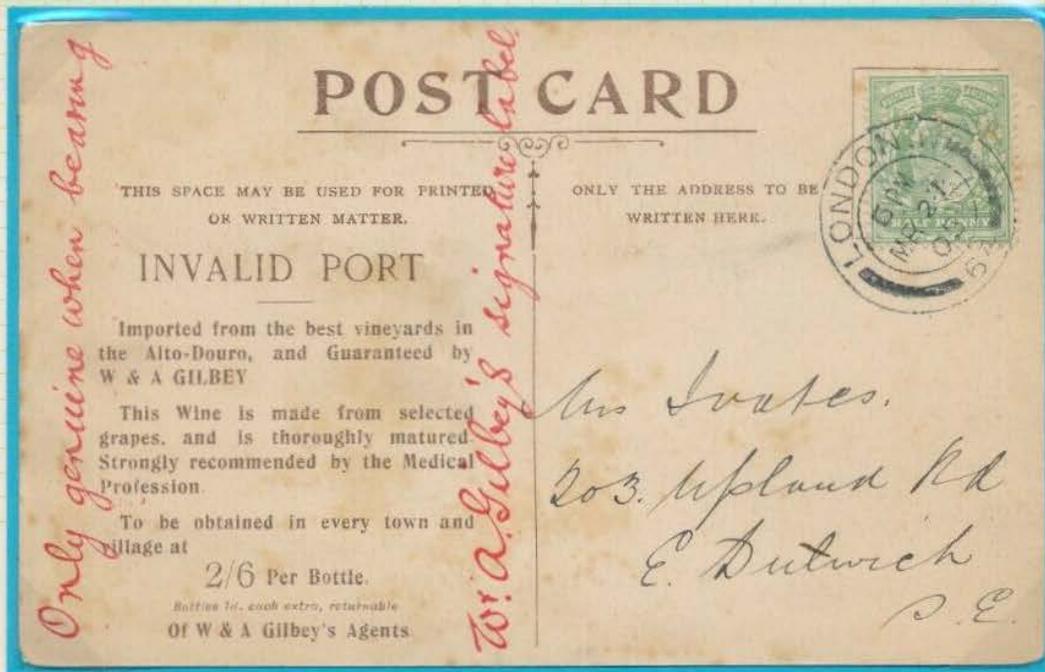
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising



This is a W & A Gilbey's advertising post card sent in 1905 from central London to East Dulwich. The KE VII postage is perfined W & A / G and is identified to the sender. The company is mainly famous for its gin, but the card extols the virtues (even approved by the medical profession) of their invalid port. It was only to be taken as genuine if there was a signature on the bottle label, and it only cost 2/6d a bottle. The picture side of the card depicts a view of the vineyards and the initial transportation of their port wines, as it began it's journey eventually to go down the throat of the consumer !!

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Invoices



"contents" of letter

PLEASE DO NOT DETACH FLY LEAF.

Folio ⁶⁴ 438 TELEPHONE NUMBER, (LONDON WALL 3712. (2 Lines.)

5, Bow Church Yard, London, E.C.

REGISTERED TELEGRAM ADDRESS, "COPESTAKES, LONDON."

TO Copestake, Crampton & Co

DATE OF LAST PAYMENT June 15 1908 £ 17 10

ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE DATE OR AMOUNT OF A PAID ACCOUNT SHOULD BE AT ONCE ADVISED TO 5, BOW CHURCH YARD.

1908	Dec 3	Goods as Feb	3	6
	7		17	3
			4	17
			2	5
			5	4

With Copestake, Crampton & Co's compliments and thanks.

James Rendell

21/4/09



4.15.4

Having received goods from Copestake Crampton & Co the drapers Aldrich Bryant & Co near Diss were sent a bill, this initially on March 18th 1909, arriving in Diss on the 19th March. The postage is perfined C C / & Co which identifies to the sender above. Aldrich & Bryant sent the invoice and remittance back and it was processed on the 21st April 1904, then posted it back to Aldrich & Bryant the same day, this time with another stamp perfined as above placed on top of the original. The endorsed paid/receipt eventually arrived back at Diss on the 22nd April for despatch to Ricklinghall. Just as an "extra" the invoice has a revenue stamp applied over-printed with Received / for Copestake & Co / London.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Invoices

LONDON N.W. LONDON N.W. LONDON N.W.
 In case of non-delivery to be returned to
 M SPENCER, TURNER & BOLDERO, Ltd. 30 PM
 Lisson Grove, LONDON.
 NOV 16 1910 OCT 25 1910 NOV 18 1910

Messrs Aldrich Bryant & Co.
Drapers
Diss Rickenhall

"contents" of letter

WIRES, BOLDERO, LONDON.
 TELEPHONE, PADDINGTON, 5290.
 (# LINES)

Lissou Grove, London, N.W. COUNTRY

Ledger _____
 Folio *16*

To Spencer Turner & Boldero Ltd.

KINDLY RETURN STATEMENT INTACT WITH REMITTANCE.

1910

April	25	To Goods	to Cash	12	9
June	6			5	10 1/2
July	23			8	10
Sept	6			14	11 1/2
	*			X	1 2
	8			2	9
	9			1	5
	9			2	2 1/2
	9			2	10
				4	12 9/2
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				14	11 5/2

Nov 16/10
11/5
Received for
S.T. & B. Ltd.
H. Lummas

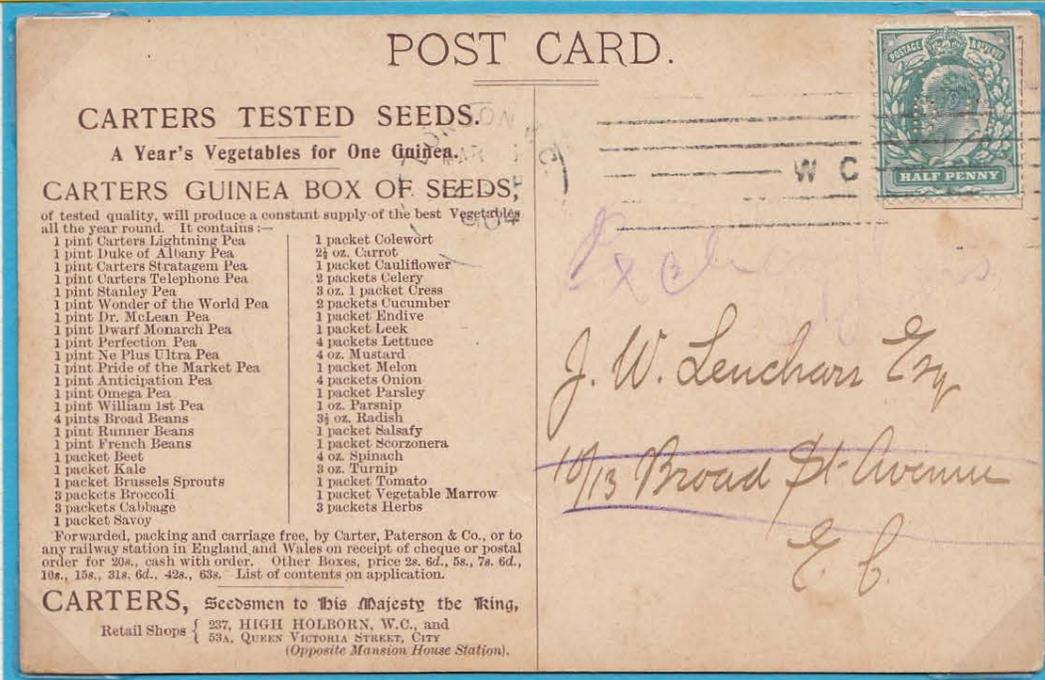
Please find enclosed copy of invoice above
it is for 10/11/10

Another invoice to Aldrich Bryant & Co of Rickenhall near Diss. This time from Spencer Turner & Boldero Ltd in London. The "double" postage is perfined S T / & B and is identified to the sender of the invoice, which was initially sent on the 25th October 1910, arriving at Diss on the 26th. Aldrich & Bryant sent their remittance which was dealt with on the 16th November and the receipted bill posted back the same day, arriving once again in Diss on the morning of the 17th November. A bonus in that the revenue one penny stamp applied to the invoice is overprinted Received for / S.T. & B. Ltd so perfined and overprinted stamps identified to the same company used on the same "entire".

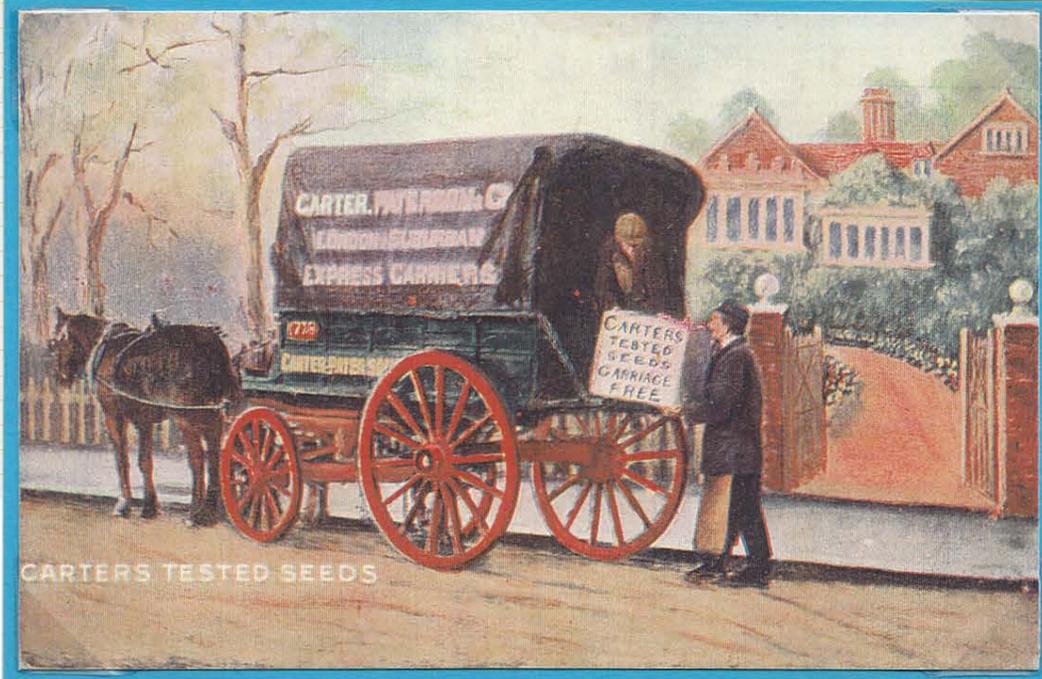
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Advertising

A KE VII period post card advertising Carters tested seeds, the KE VII halfpenny postage is perforated C P / D B and although the emphasis on the card is for Carter, and even the Patterson side of the company, the full title as indicated by the perfin is James Carter, Dunnett and Beale of Holborn in London.

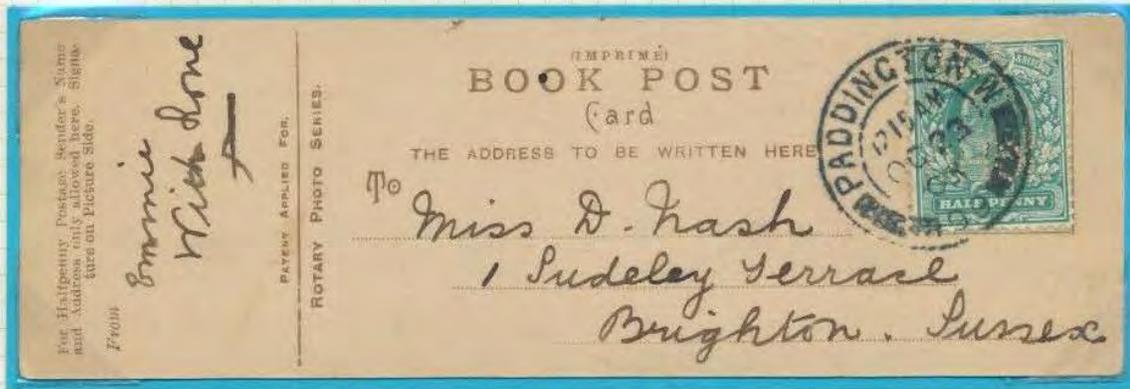


The "covered wagon" is pictured delivering to a rather "posh" residence, where I assume the gardener planted and cared for the seeded vegetables. But, for "one guinea" one could purchase enough seeds to last one all year with seasonable vegetables. The "guinea box" would only cost you 20 shillings, and be delivered by "covered wagon" or any railway station in the land, carriage free !!



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage !



A "book post" card (presumably used by the recipient as a book mark) sent from London to Brighton in 1903. The "photograph" shown on the front, depicts a "star" of the times, a Marie Studholme. The KE VII postage cancelled at Paddington, is perfined C & B / S O H O, so I presume that the stamp was borrowed from "Emmie's" employer, Crosse and Blackwell Ltd who had premises in Soho London.



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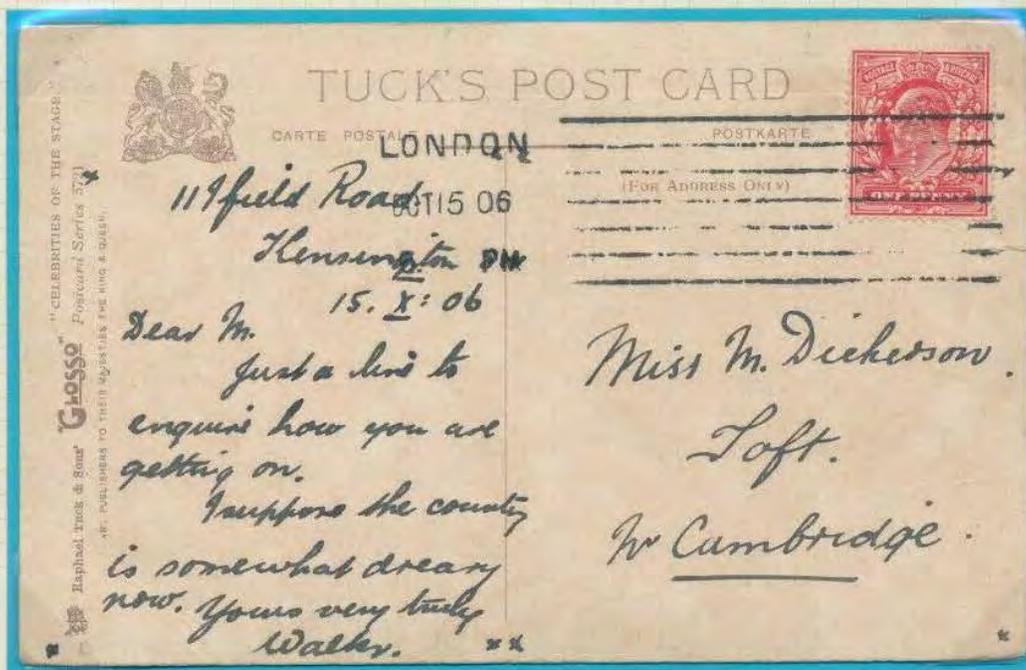
Borrowing the postage.

P A L / L is the perfin of the Provident Association of London. The KE VII postage on the picture post card is perfinned the same, but, the sender seems to have borrowed the stamp from his employers to send this greeting to his lady friend !!



MISS MARJORIE PINDER.

Reverse of post card



TUCK'S POST CARD

CARTE POSTALE LONDON

POSTKARTE

(FOR ADDRESS ONLY)

119field Road, OT15 06

Hensington DN

15. 2: 06

Dear Mr.

just a line to enquire how you are getting on.

I suppose the country is somewhat dreary now. Yours very truly Walker.

Miss M. Dickerson.
Loft.

W Cambridge

"CELEBRITIES OF THE STAGE"

"GROSSO" Postcard Series 574

at publishers to their respective agents & agents.

Raphael Tuck & Sons

©

©

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage.

A picture post card sent in 1903 to a Miss Simpson from "Norman" !! The KE VII halfpenny postage is perfinned POTTER, a nice full name perfin on cover. But, I am sure that "Norman" must have purloined the postage stamp from his employers, as the identity of the perfin is Potters Wallpaper manufacturers in Darwen Lancashire.



*With all good wishes
for 1904
A. Grimes*

Reverse of post card

This side may have a message written upon it for Inland Postage, but the right hand side must be reserved for address and stamp only.

*Many thanks. W. Neville is
today in L. part. Possibly
I have thought. When do
you expect to be in
Darwen again?
Hope you have had
a good time. It's time
Kind regards to all
Norman*

POST CARD

The Address to be written on this side.

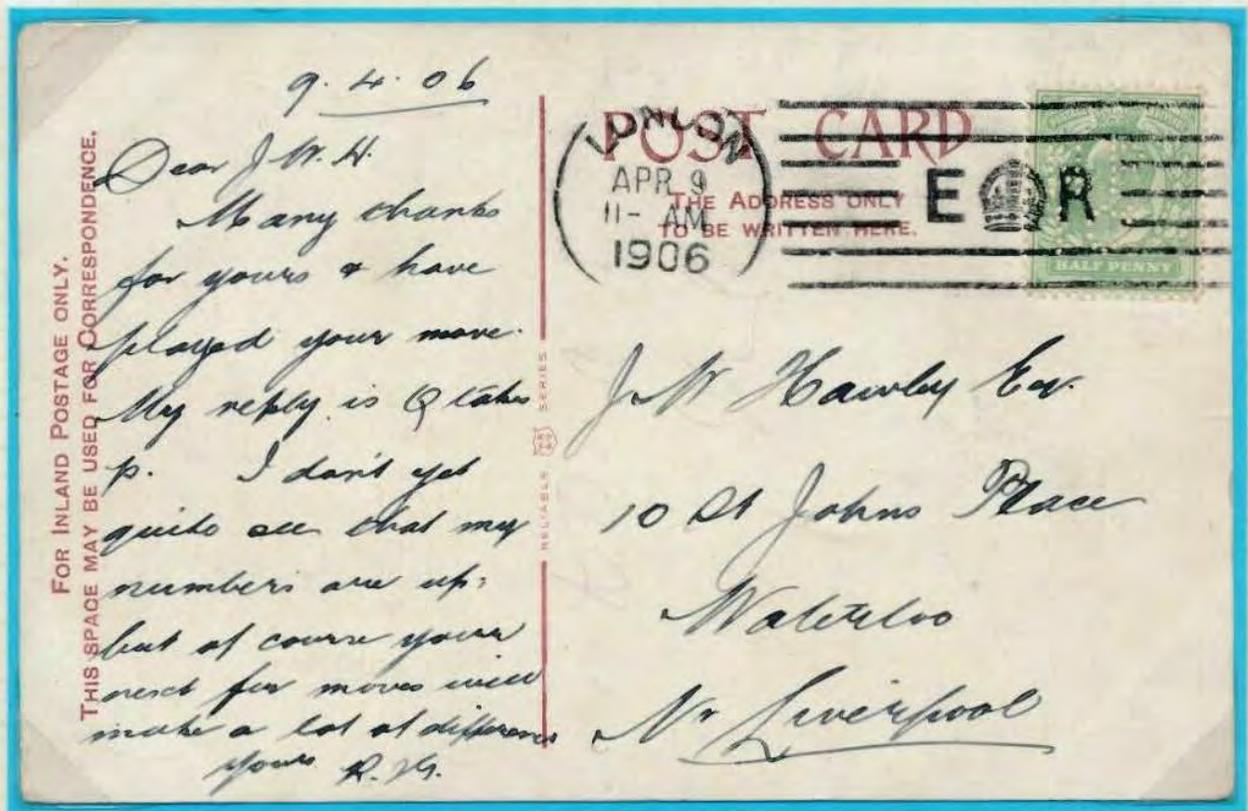


*Miss Simpson,
Balders Stone Villa,
Freckleton,
Nr Lytham*

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage !

An Edwardian era Bickerdyke machine cancel, obliterates the KE VII halfpenny postage used on this picture post card from London to Liverpool. The message on the post card is about a chess match move being played between two gentlemen, using the post. But, the postage is perfinned N P / I Co and is identifies to the National Provincial Plate Glass Insurance Co. Ltd. of Ludgate Hill London. One assumes the gentleman in London is an employee and has "borrowed" the postage stamps from work !!



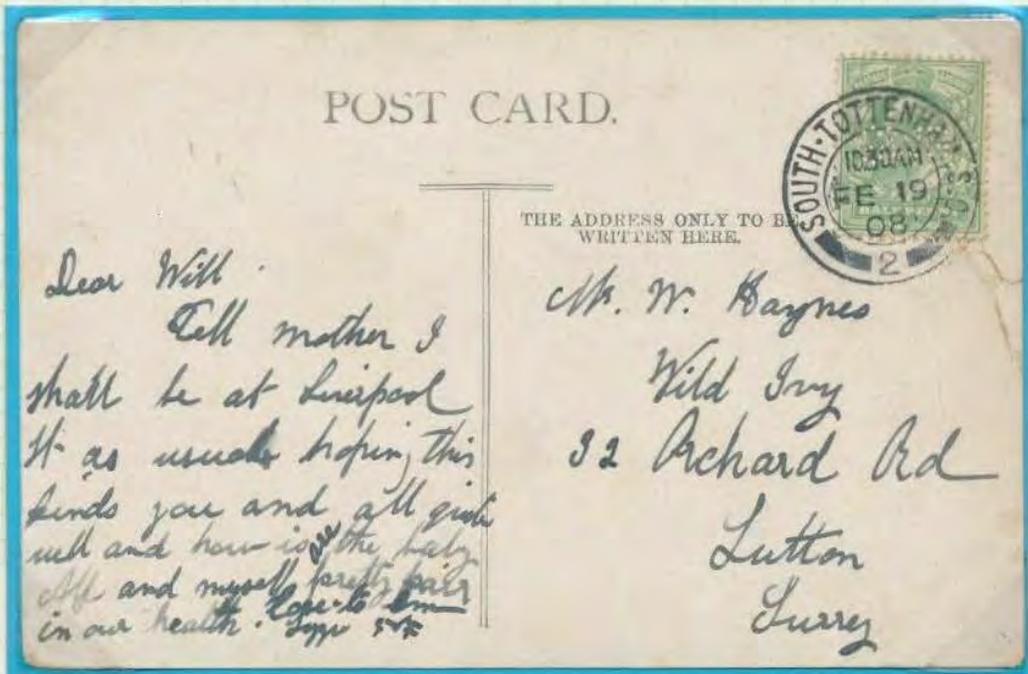
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage !



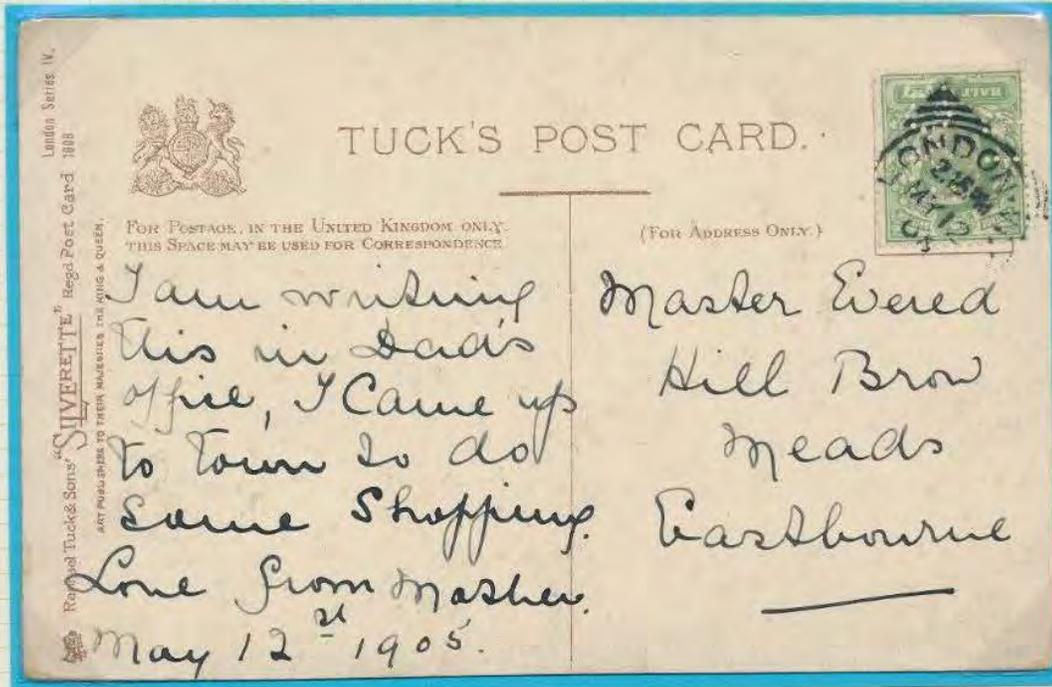
A picture post card of the Thames Embankment, used from Tottenham in London to Sutton in Surrey, February 1908. The message from a young lady called Joyce, giving the usual quotes about health and telling the recipient of being at Liverpool Street as usual. (I assume that to be the railway station) The KE VII postage is perfined G W R and is identified to the Great Western Railway, so there is a tenuous link between sender and the original owner of the stamps !! but not for sending family details.

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage !



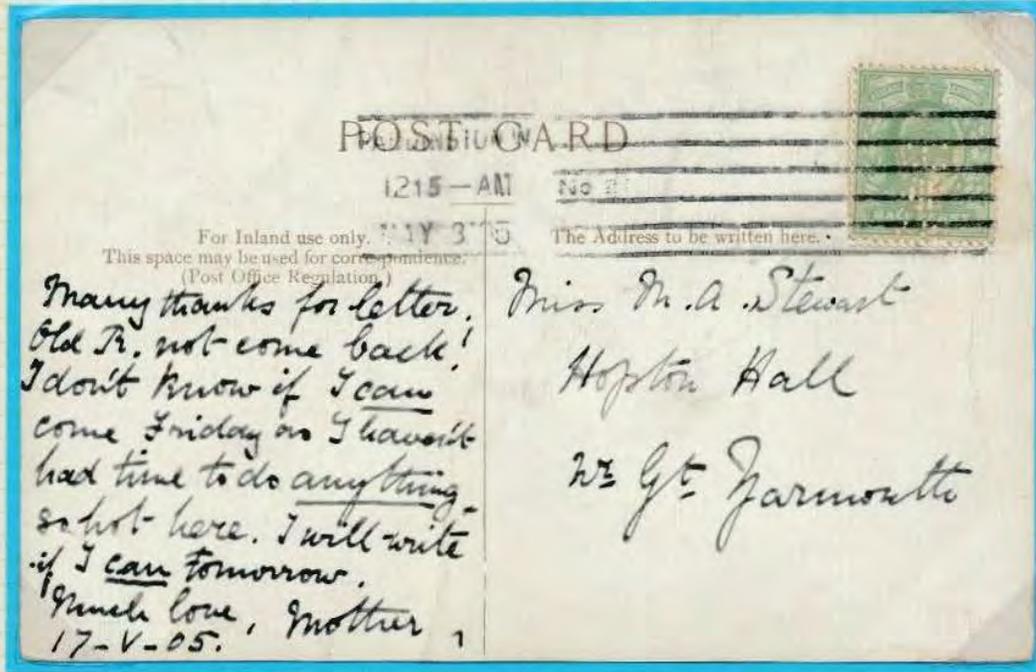
Sent from London to Eastbourne in May 1905 the message on the card is from an adult to a minor stating that "the card was written in Dads office", so I assume the postage was also obtained from "Dads office" !! The KE VII stamp is perforated E & Co. / Ld. Unfortunately as yet no identity is obtainable as to who used this perforation, and who it was stolen from !!

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage



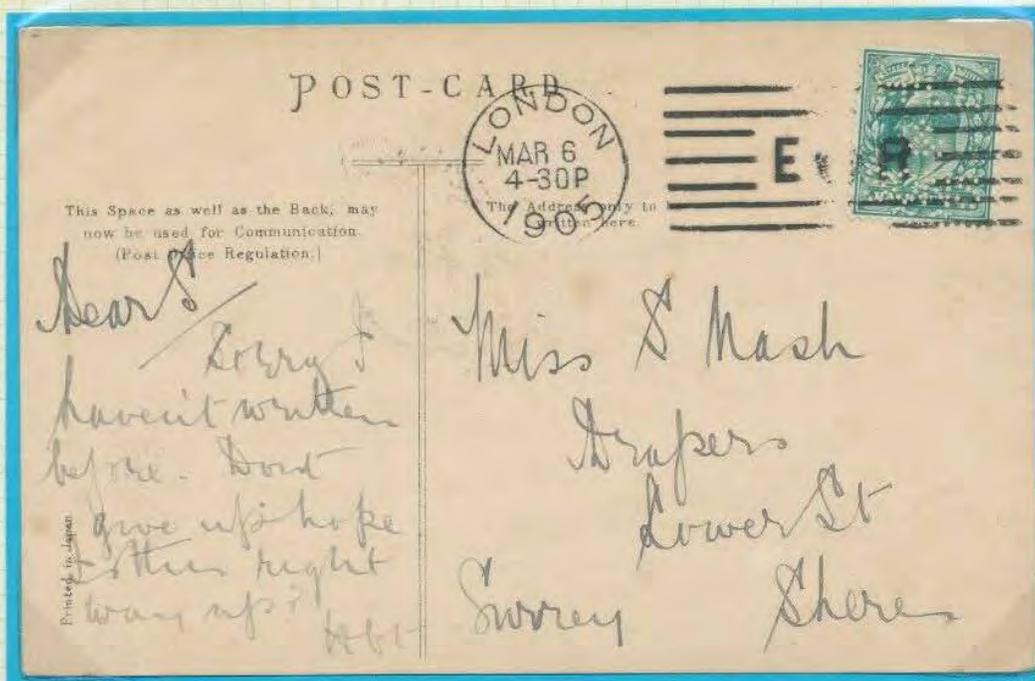
A note from mother to daughter, sent from Paddington in London to near Gt. Yarmouth in 1905. The postage is perfined G W R and identified to the Great Western Railway company, and I assume had been "borrowed" by the sender. The mother, enduring a "heat-wave" !! was not able to confirm a visit to her daughter, who I further assume, from the address, worked in some menial capacity at Hopton Hall. The card is an impression of Hickling Broad, a local beauty spot, so how it originated in London I do not know !!

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage



A picture of a temple in Yokohama is illustrated on this post card, which incidentally was also printed in Japan ! The postage is cancelled by a Bickerdike machine cancel. How a card made in Japan depicting a Japanese scene was to be used in the U.K. I do not know, but I do know that the postage which is perfined HILL / & / SONS (a nice full name perfin on cover) does not have a link with the sender, a HBT, who was writing a note to, I assume, a lady friend !!

Reverse of post card



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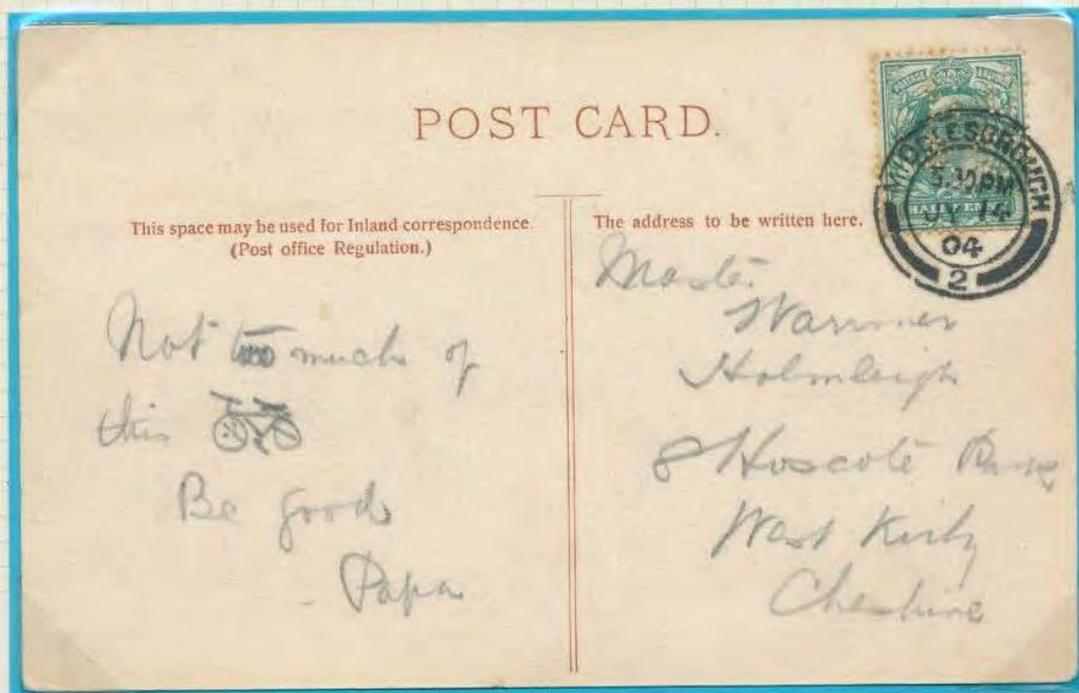
Borrowing the postage !



Fountain and Carpet Beds. Albert Park. — MIDDLESBOROUGH.

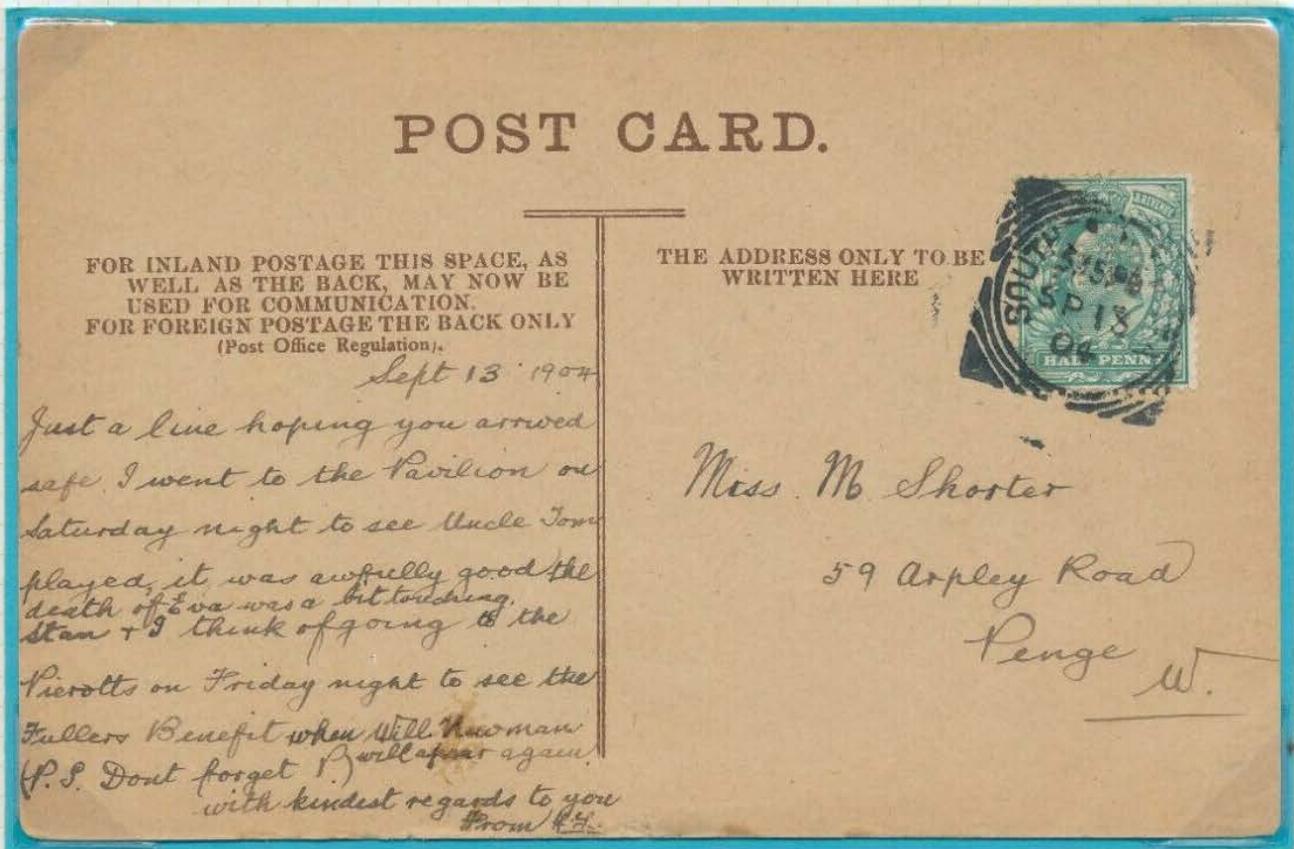
Picture post card of Albert Park in Middlesborough, sent from Middlesborough to Cheshire in 1904. The message, from father to son is not to overdo the cycling and be good !! The postage of a KE VII halfpenny is perfinned R D / & Co , unfortunately not yet identified to a user, but definitely not for family messages !!

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage !

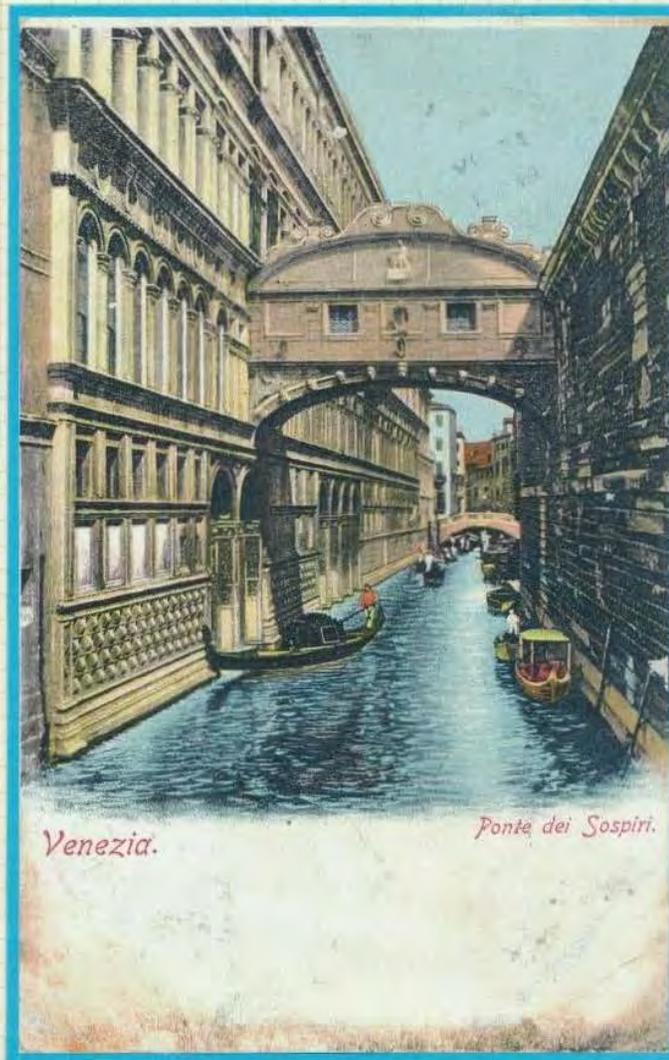


A picture post card sent in 1904 from Southend on Sea to London. What should have been a nice squared circle cancel obliterates the KE VII half penny postage, which is perfinned TITE, unfortunately not yet identified to a user. But, definitely not to the person that sent the card, whom I assume purloined the stamp from their employment !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage !

A picture post card, originating from Italy, showing a canal in Venice, which has been used internally within Colchester ! The KE VII postage is perfined with the letters F F / L and is identified to a Frederick Fisher of Botolph Lane in London. I fail to see any connection between Colchester, Venice and London !!!



Venezia.

Ponte dei Sospiri.

Reverse of post card

CARTOLINA POSTALE.



*A Miss E Day
153 Magdalen St.*

Colchester

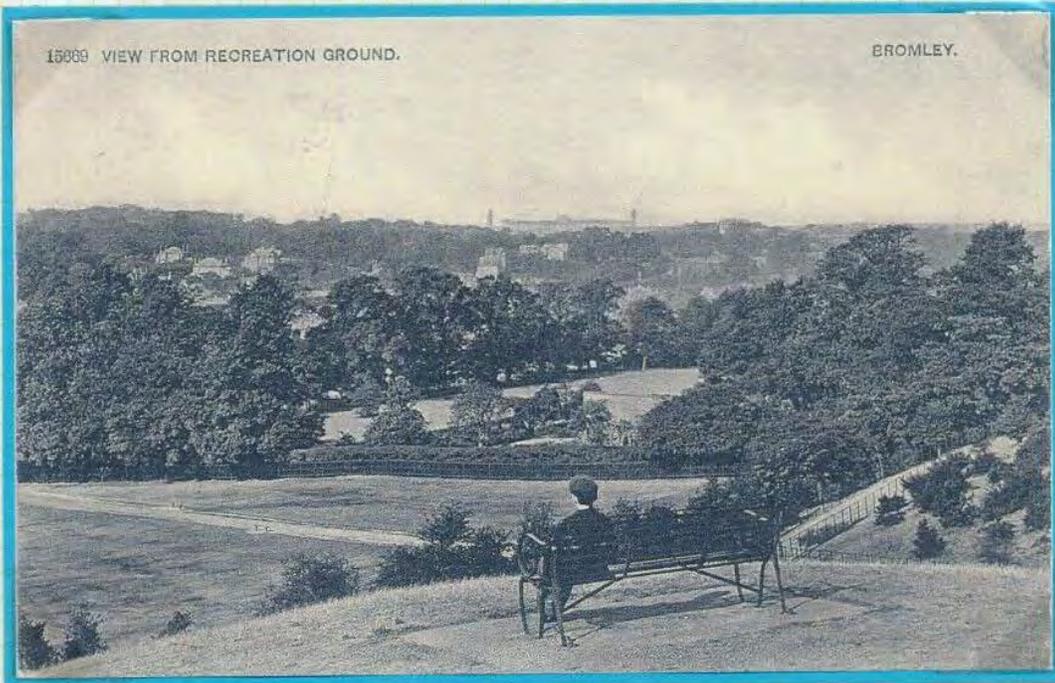
(1a)

*I should like to
visit this place first*

(a.) Stato estero di destinazione.

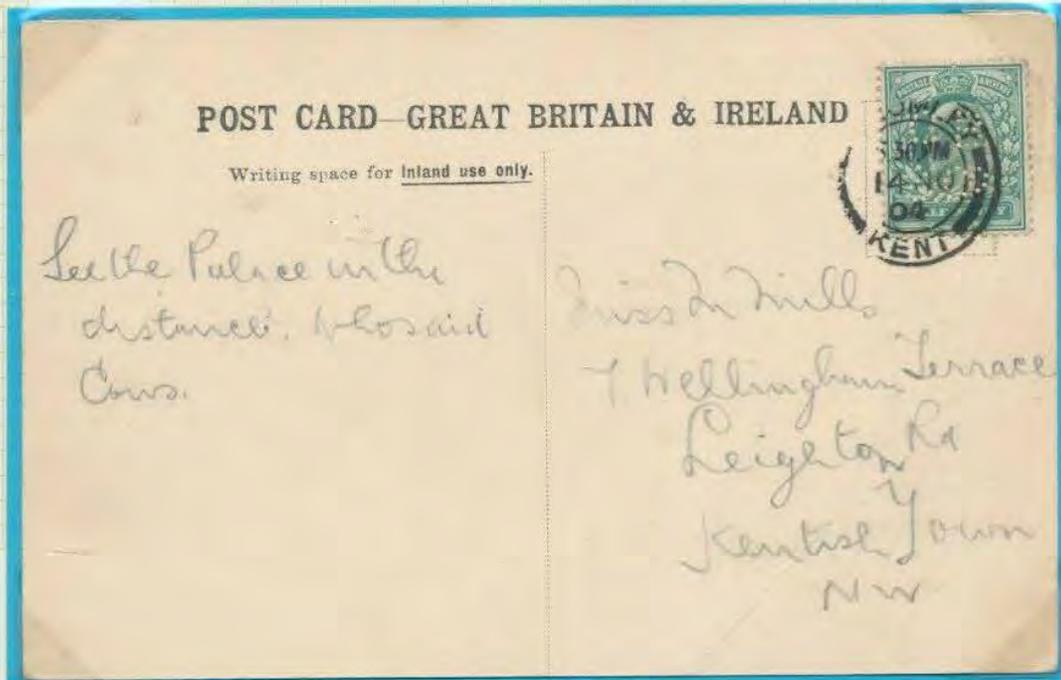
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Borrowing the postage !



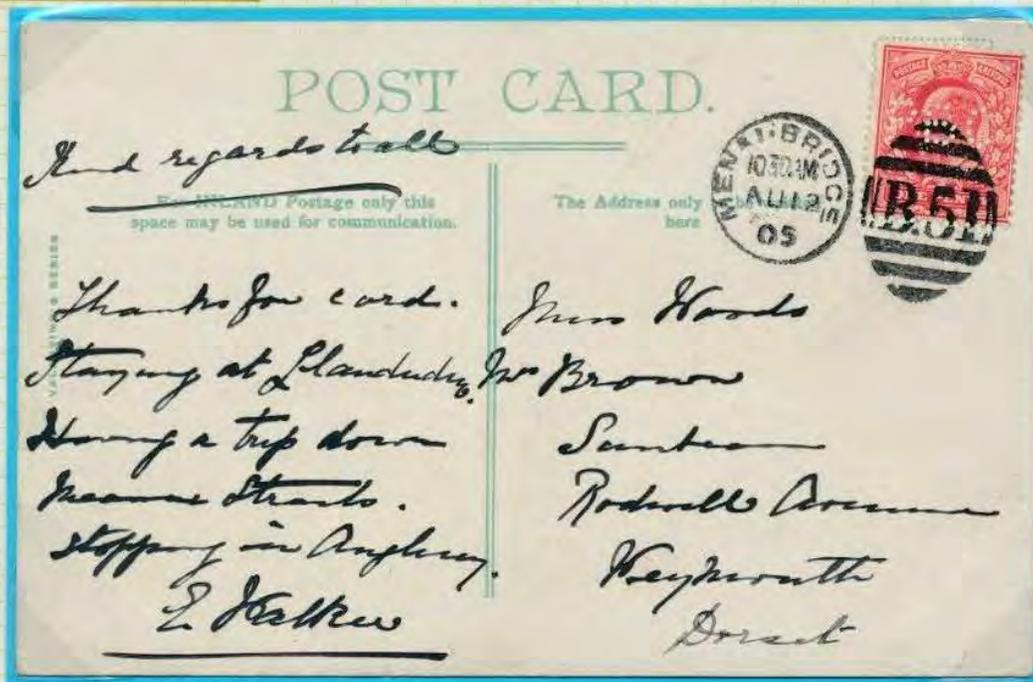
A picture post card of Bromley in Kent, sent from Bromley to a young lady in Kentish Town London in 1904. The KE VII postage is perfined C B / & Co and is identified to a Charles Bayer and Co. Ltd. of London. The message on the card about a palace and cows is not usual business practice !!!

Reverse of post card



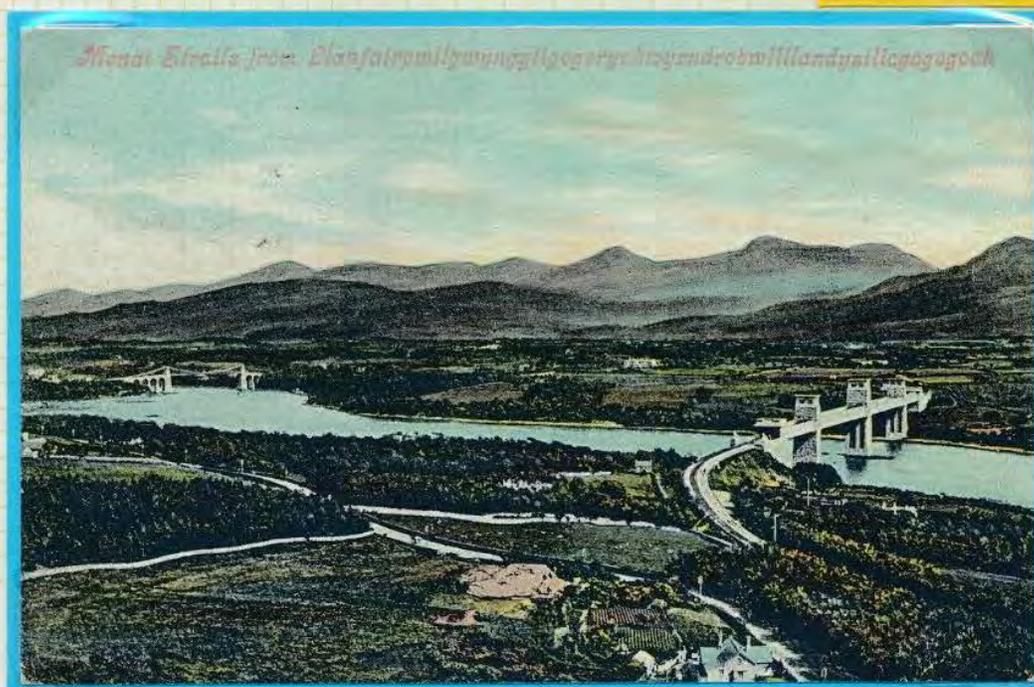
PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage



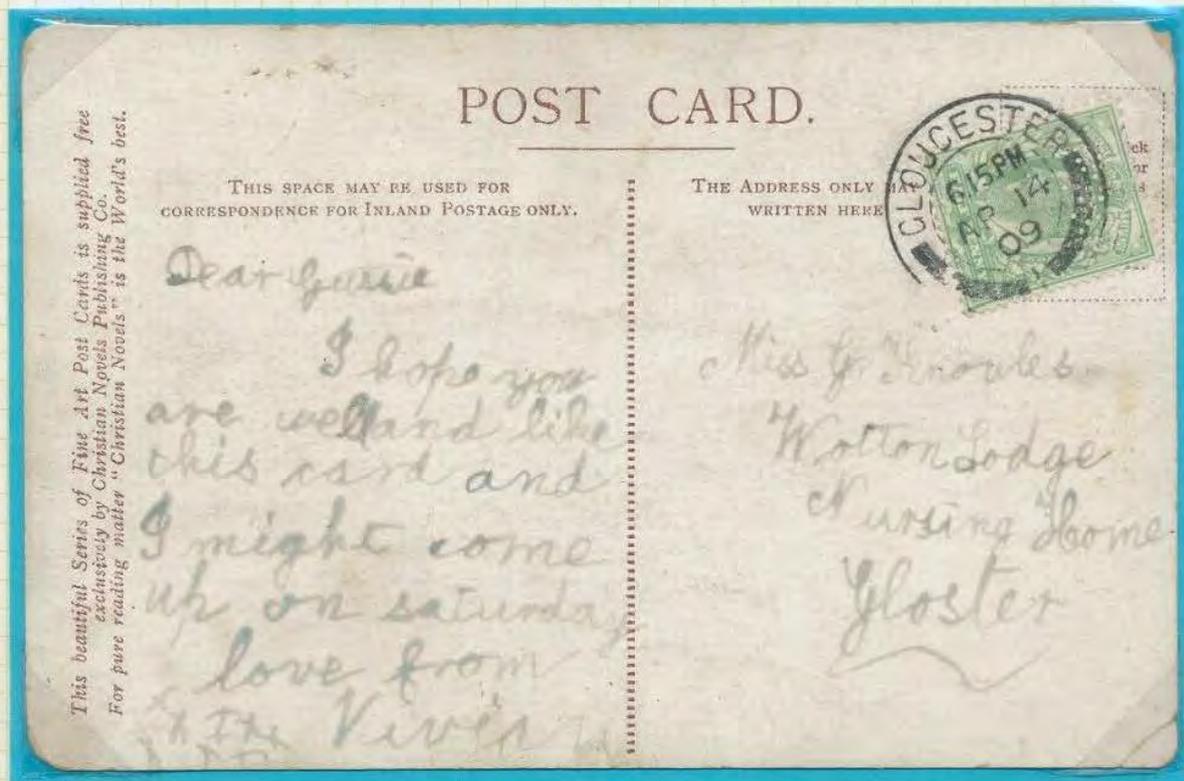
A social card sent from a holiday in North Wales to a friend in Dorset. The card depicts the Welsh place of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllandysiliogogoch with a view of the Menai Bridge. The card was posted at the Menai Bridge post office in August 1905, the postage which is perfinned P B C and identified to the Paddington Borough Council has been borrowed by the sender a L Walker, which I assume worked for the council in London !!

Reverse of post card



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage !



Picture post card, written in the hand of a minor sending details of their life to a lady residing in a nursing home in Gloucester. (spelling of GLOSTER !!) The double ring hand stamp of Gloucester cancels the KE VII halfpenny postage which is perfined P A C. This is identified to the Prudential Assurance Company Ltd. so one assumes that the parents of the minor appropriated the stamps from their employment.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage



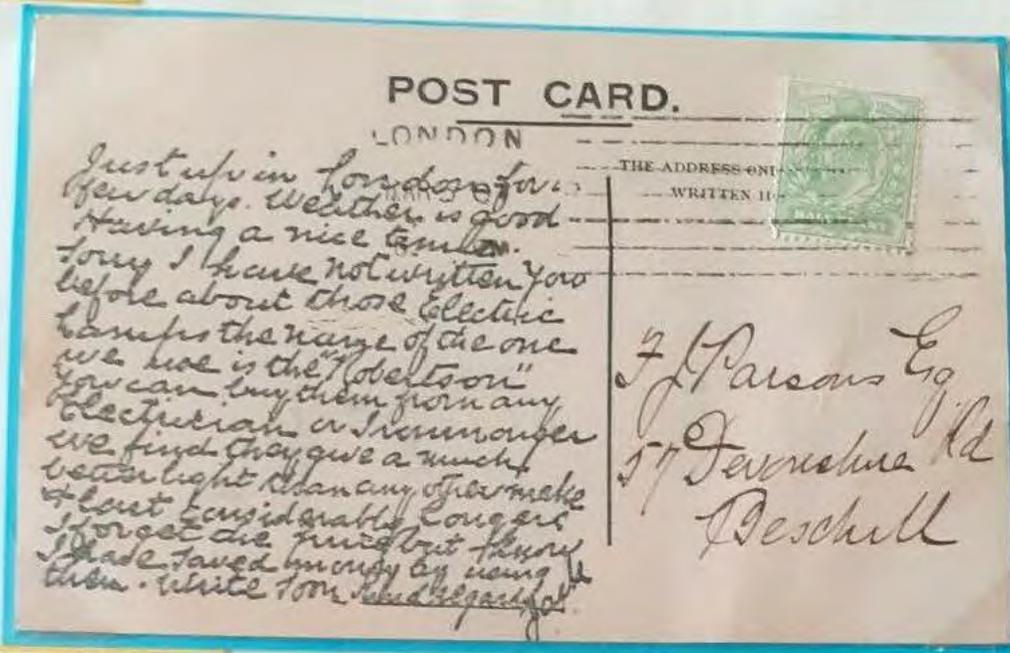
A picture post card, a "silverette" type produced by Raphael Tuck & son (art publishers to the King & Queen !!) of the palace of French applied arts, from the Franco British Exhibition, this sent in September 1908 from Ilford to Bedford. The postage is perfinned O A / G C and is identified to the Ocean Accident Guarantee Corporation, which, as the sender was a young man called Sydney, and sent to a young lady called Mabel, the text bears no relation to the normal business of the aforementioned insurance company !!

Reverse of post card

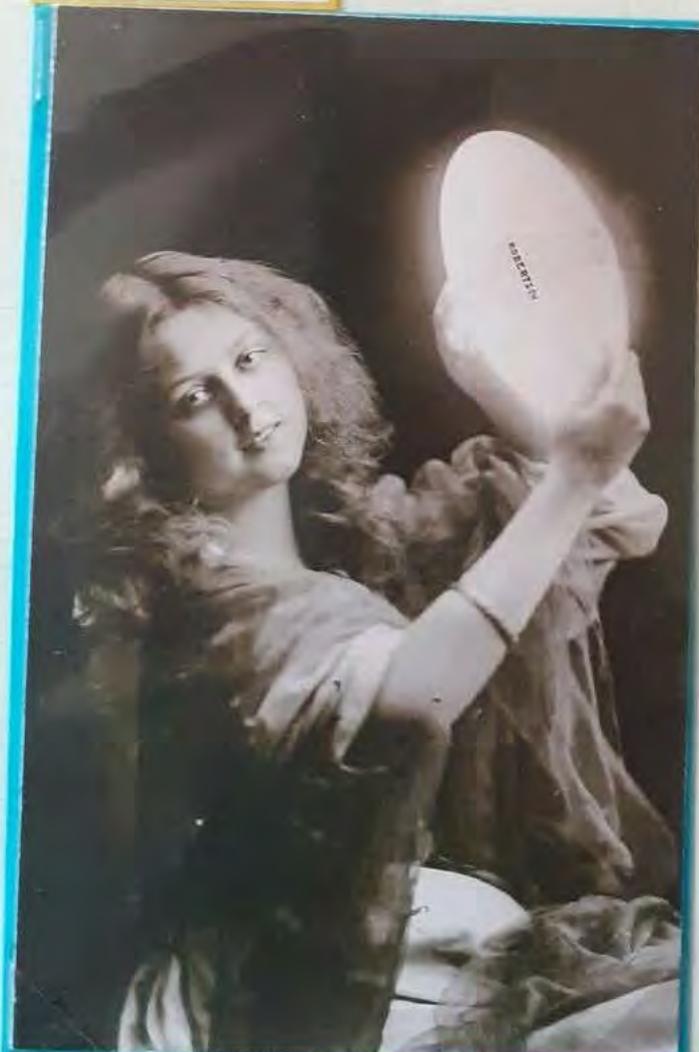


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Advertising



Reverse of post card

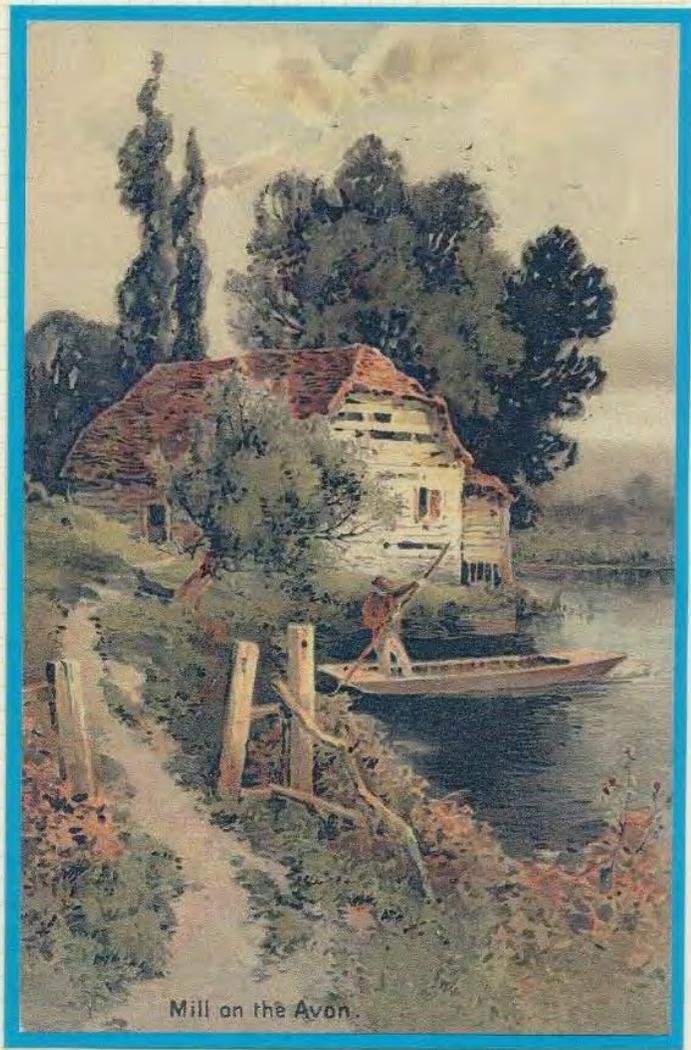


A KE VII period advertising post card from the General Electric Company. The "text" on the card is a "printed" message extolling the virtues of the Robertson Lamp. The face of the card is a picture of a young lady of the Edwardian period being "turned on" by the Robertson Lamp. The postage is perfined G E C and is identified to the above mentioned company.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Borrowing the postage.

A KG VII period post card, sent from Birmingham to Parkstone in "Dorsetshire". The sender stating that it would add to the recipients collection. The "face" of the card illustrating the mill on the Floss. The postage is perfinned G.J.E. and is identified to a G E Eveson, a coal and coke merchant in Birmingham. I assume that the sender must have been an employee of this company, and borrowed the postage.



Reverse of post card

This side is for a message written upon it for inland postage, but the right hand side must be reserved for address and stamp only.

Dear Aunt.

Just one more for your collection I guess you don't get as many as me. I hope this will find you well. I'm pleased to say all home are well. Sent love. I took Uncle Willie his picture a week or so ago. he was very pleased with it he is coming with Bert at times to us. I'm heart fond love from Annie

POST CARD

The Address to be written on this side.

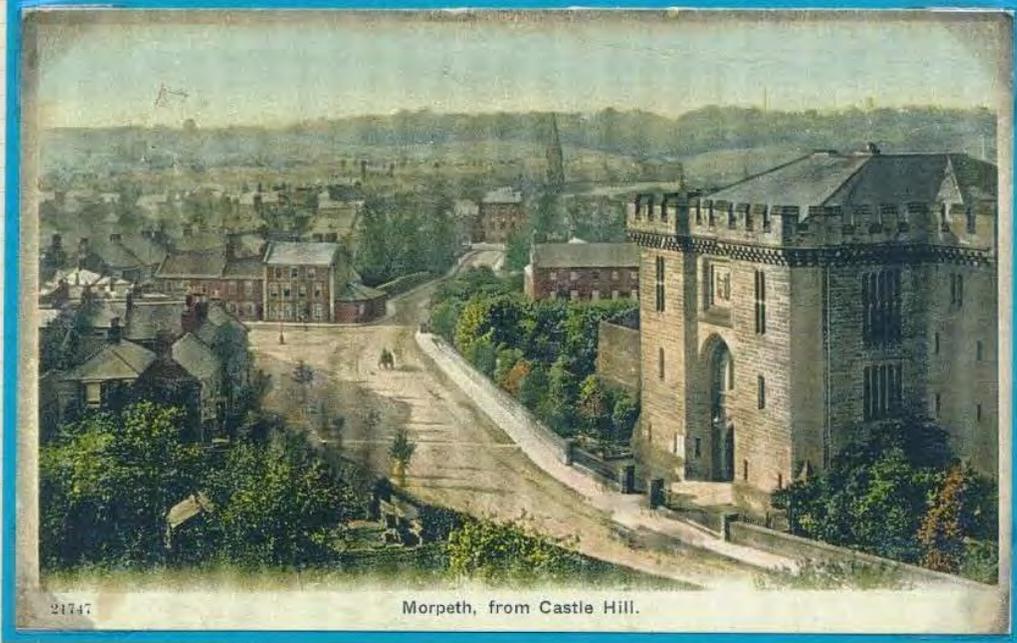
*Mrs Wood
Glenair
Parkstone
Dorsetshire*

ask you collect them

Printed by Meisner & Buch at their works in Leipzig

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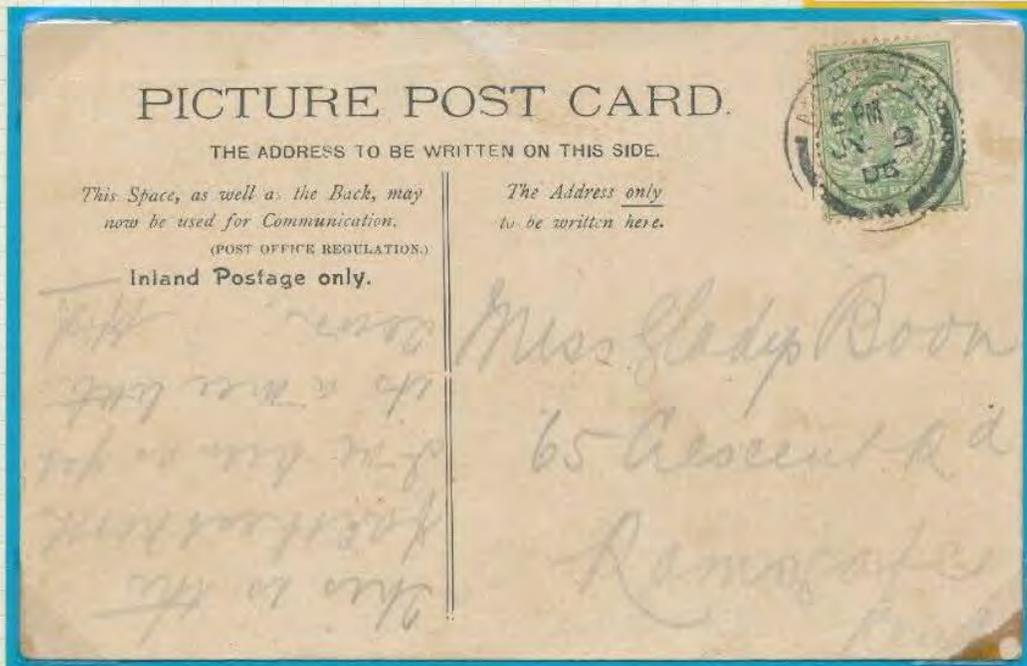
Borrowing the postage.



Morpeth, from Castle Hill.

Whoever was the “owner” of the perfin B B B / & Co did not know that one of their employees had taken advantage and used their postage on a holiday card from Morpeth, just North of Newcastle. The message on the reverse of the card reads that this was as far North as they had got and Morpeth is a “nice” little town !!

Reverse of post card



The post card here being of the early “colour” type, in that the initial picture is enhanced by an artist into what they think it should be like. The “traffic” in 1905 consisting of one horse and cart. I dread to think of what it was like in the 1970’s before any bypass was built !!!

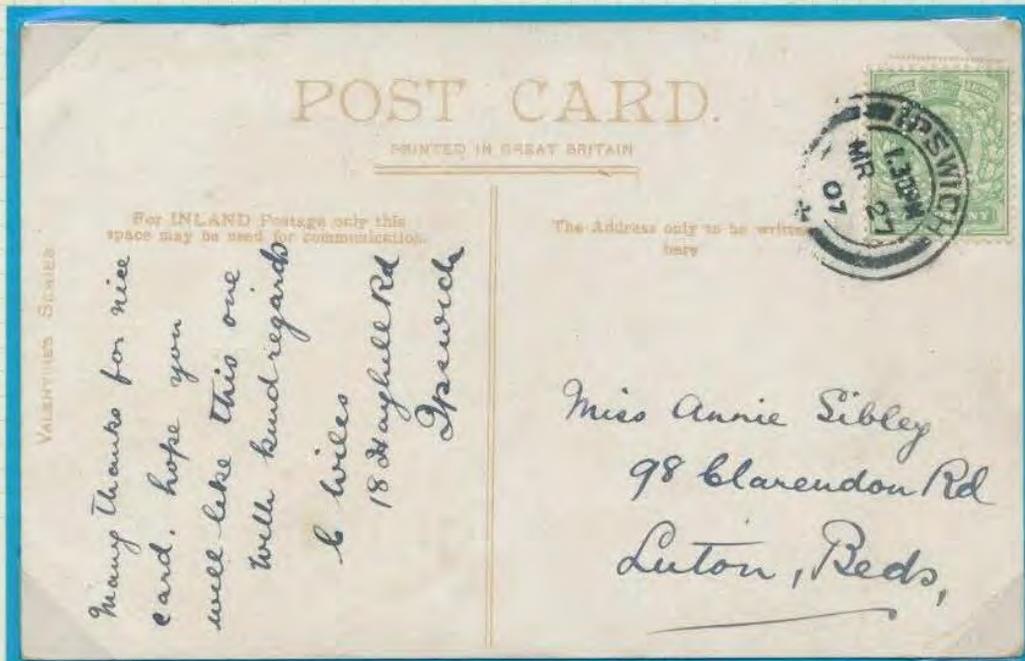
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Borrowing the postage.



A good period post card from 1907 of Wolsey's birthplace in Ipswich, then a pharmacy. The post card was sent from Ipswich to Luton, and the message enquires that the recipient likes the card. (I assume that it was to add to a collection of picture post cards) The postage is perfined R R / & S and the identity could be Robert Bond and Sons of Ipswich. So I assume, the postage was used illegally, but on the other hand it might have been a Bond family member sending a card to a friend !!

Reverse of post card



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Foreign mail



A nice strip of four KE VII 1d reds provide the postage to send this letter from the U.K. to Norway in 1909. The postage is perfinned W.P / & Co. and is identified to Constantine, Pickering and Co., so I assume this company was communicating with the Blackstad & Holta timber merchants. The letter was sent by the vessel S/S Halivide, the back stamp at Skien states that it took four days to deliver. Can anyone tell me what the manuscript 6 / 7 means, answers on a post cards please !!!!!

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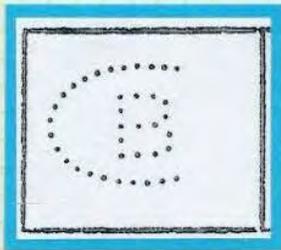
Perfins and overprints
True or false ??

I obtained this KE VII stamp with the Royal Household official overprint because it also had a perfin !! The overprint is a forgery, and a dealer with a conscience has marked on the front of the stamp "faux" to prevent it being sold as genuine. But, what was done to the stamp first, the perfin or the overprint. The stamp is also used with a Bessbrook cds cancel.



Forgery with a false overprint perfin & cancel

Why put an overprint on a worthless stamp with a perfin ? Why put a perfin through a (if genuine) overprinted stamp ? How did it get used ? The mystery continues, so answers on a post card please !!



Perfin "B" in "C" shape identified as used by the Bessbrook Spinning Co Ltd.



Image of a R. H. / OFFICIAL overprint

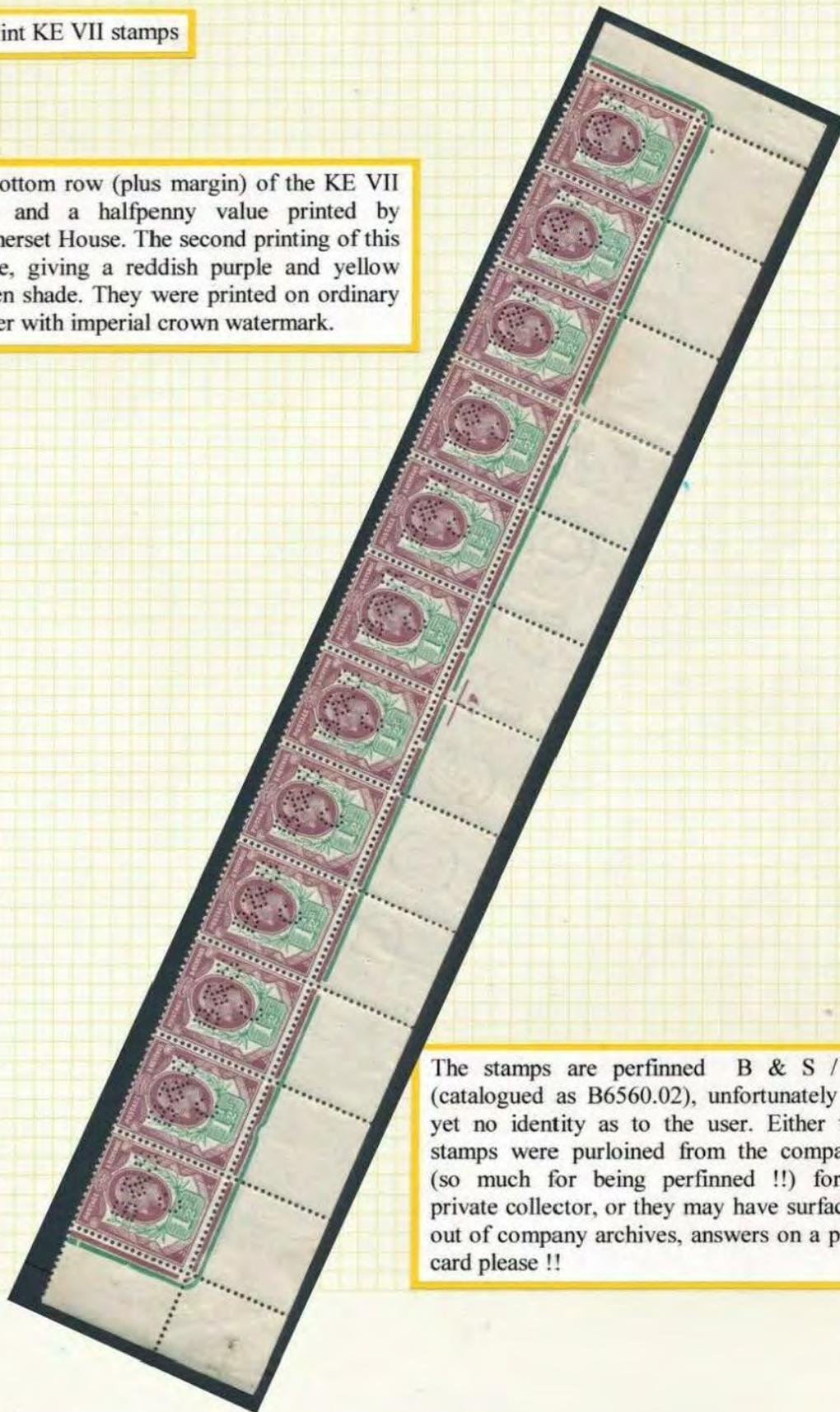


A genuine stamp with R. H. / OFFICIAL overprint for comparison

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Mint KE VII stamps

A bottom row (plus margin) of the KE VII one and a halfpenny value printed by Somerset House. The second printing of this issue, giving a reddish purple and yellow green shade. They were printed on ordinary paper with imperial crown watermark.



The stamps are perfinned B & S / C (catalogued as B6560.02), unfortunately as yet no identity as to the user. Either the stamps were purloined from the company (so much for being perfinned !!) for a private collector, or they may have surfaced out of company archives, answers on a post card please !!

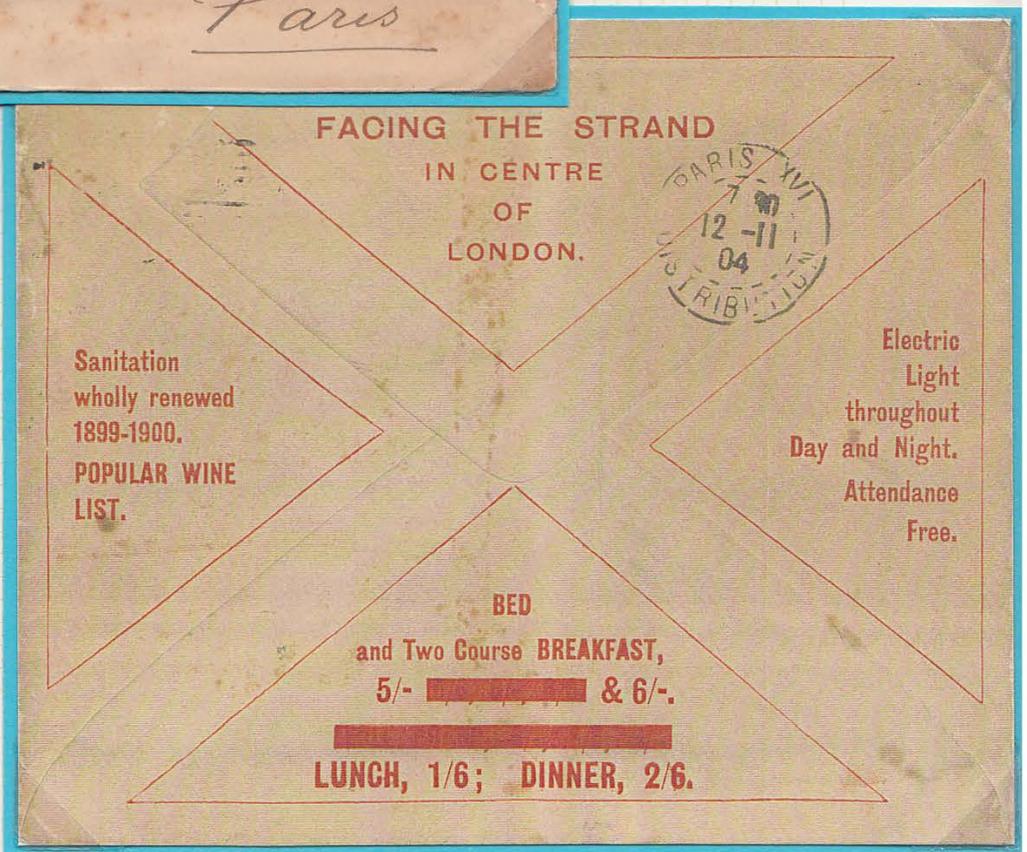
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Foreign/advertising mail



A somewhat rust-spotted envelope sent from London to Paris on the 11th November 1904. The postage is perfined L N / H and identifies to the Haxell Family Hotel, West Strand London, which is illustrated on the front of the cover. The reverse of the mentions some of the advantages on might benefit from if one stayed at Haxells, renewed sanitation ! electric light day and night ! and rates for B & B and dinner.

Reverse of letter



Just as a matter of interest the letter's postage carries a London 10.50 a.m. cancel, also applied to the front of the letter is an initial Paris receiving mark for 23.00 hrs. the same day ! so approx. 12 hours after the letter was posted it was receiving attention in a Paris sorting office !!